

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team tries 1 defendant; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried one defendant during the week of July 20, 2015, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Four other defendants entered guilty pleas, and a fifth defendant who previously pled guilty was sentenced. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Eric Orr, 36, was tried for 1) three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. After a four-day trial, the jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Anthony Bailey, 20, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Bailey was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison.

Mario Smith, 26, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Smith was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison. Smith was also sentenced to an additional 23-40 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 45 days in custody.

Kadeem Fetherson, 24, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Fetherson to 10-21 months in prison.

Roderick Johnson, 21, previously pled guilty to accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced Johnson to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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