

NEWS RELEASE

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Sex offender and armed robber sent to prison after jury trials

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Crimes Against Persons Team called four cases for trial during the week of July 23, 2012, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, and in courtroom 5370 in front of The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge.

Damian Jackson, 20, was tried in courtroom 5150 on charges of 1) second-degree sexual offense, 2) sexual battery, 3) misdemeanor assault and 4) larceny from the person. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all charges. Judge Williamson sentenced Jackson to 102-133 months in prison.

Donta McCauley, 20, was tried in courtroom 5370 for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) possession of a weapon on school grounds and 4) resisting a public officer. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all charges. Judge Boner sentenced McCauley to 73-97 months in prison.

Moussa Diallo, 30, pled guilty to common law robbery during the jury selection phase of the trial. Judge Williamson sentenced Diallo to 18-22 months in prison.

Alfred Smith, 63, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury could not agree on a unanimous verdict and Judge Boner declared a mistrial.

Ten other defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial; among them was Angel Rios. Rios, 20, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Williamson sentenced Rios to 16-20 months in prison.

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