

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man of exploiting elderly woman; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – In a trial led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, a jury recently convicted a man who financially exploited an elderly woman suffering from dementia. The team also convicted another four defendants who pled guilty to property crimes. The proceedings were held during the week of July 25, 2016, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Lindsay R. Davis, Superior Court Judges.

Brad Norwood, 43, was tried for exploitation of a disabled or elder adult. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Levinson sentenced Norwood to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 6 months in the Mecklenburg County Jail. He was also ordered to pay \$25,000 in restitution. Norwood befriended the 83-year-old victim, who has dementia, after helping her up from a fall in August 2013. Three weeks later, he had her sign a document that gave him power of attorney over all of her finances. Between October 2013 and November 2013, Norwood had the victim give him \$35,000 to renovate her bathroom and build an outbuilding. Word of the checks reached the victim's family members, who were able to revoke Norwood's power of attorney and ban him from her property. The projects were never completed, and he never returned the money to the victim.

David Grieves, 41, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Levinson sentenced Grieves to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Grieves must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Terrell Berry, 20, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Levinson sentenced Berry to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Berry must wear an electronic monitoring device for 6 months.

Chelsey Harrod, 24, pled guilty to obtaining property by false pretenses. Judge Levinson sentenced Harrod to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Harrod must pay \$4,720 in restitution to the victim.

When the State called Amir Kelly, 17, for trial, he pled guilty to second-degree burglary. Judge Davis sentenced Kelly to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

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