

NEWS RELEASE

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2 defendants tried; 4 others plead guilty to drug offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Two defendants were tried for drug crimes and four others pled guilty during the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team's most recent trial week. The proceedings were held July 28-July 31, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Lonnie Crawford, 52, was tried for 1) possession of drug paraphernalia and 2) possession of cocaine. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. For the drug paraphernalia conviction, Judge Lewis sentenced Crawford to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. For the cocaine possession offense, Judge Lewis sentenced Crawford to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Crawford must serve 60 days in jail.

Jill Hargett, 49, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

The following four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Osco Jackson, 25, pled guilty to possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Jackson was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Jackson must serve 72 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Quinton Henderson, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) driving while impaired. Henderson was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison for the possession of cocaine conviction and an additional 120 days in custody for the driving while impaired offense; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Henderson must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Terry Houston, 23, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of cocaine, 2) felony attempted breaking or entering and 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Houston was sentenced to 6-7 months in prison, as well as an additional 7-18 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Houston must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Rebecca Bigham, 36, pled guilty to two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. For each offense, Bingham was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; those sentences were suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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