

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

August 9, 2017

Jury convicts habitual break-in offender; 4 others also sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team called cases for trial during the week of July 31, 2017. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt and The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judges.

Keith King, 55, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods, 4) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender and 5) being a habitual felon. A jury found King *guilty* of felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, felony possession of stolen goods and being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. The charge of being a habitual felon was dismissed by the Court. Judge Hayes sentenced King to a total of 70-105 months in prison. King's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, felony larceny and armed robbery.

Felix Workman, 51, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. A critical witness for the State could not be located. As a result, prosecutors allowed Workman to plead guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Workman to 15-27 months in prison.

When called for trial, Brandon Kirby, 36, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods, 4) injury to property to obtain nonferrous metals, 5) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender and 6) being a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Kirby to 112-147 months in prison. Kirby's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering and multiple counts of felony larceny.

During jury selection, Samuel Johnson, 44, pled guilty to 1) two counts of common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Johnson to 85-114 months in prison. Johnson was also sentenced to an additional 300 days in custody after he was held in contempt of court for repeatedly cursing at Judge Hunt prior to entering his guilty plea. Johnson's prior convictions include multiple counts of selling and delivering cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Michael Trent, 43, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Hunt sentenced Walker to 6-17 months in prison.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

// End //

