

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury finds habitual felon guilty; 3 others convicted during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried four defendants during the week of August 4, 2014. Another two defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. These matters were held in multiple Superior Court courtrooms before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards, The Honorable Linwood O. Foust and The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judges.

Jamario Jermaine McClure, 34, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) second-degree kidnapping, 3) felony breaking or entering and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found McClure *guilty* as charged, and he admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Edwards sentenced him to 88-118 months in prison. Some of McClure's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking or entering and possession of cocaine.

Korpo Sumo, 30, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found Sumo *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of accessory after the fact to common law robbery. The jury found her *not guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Ervin sentenced Sumo to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Sumo did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

Claude Anthony Sanders, 37, was tried for 1) two counts of possession of a dog with the intent to fight, 2) dog fighting and baiting and 3) being a habitual felon. At the close of the presentation of the State's evidence, Judge Foust dismissed the dog fighting and baiting charge. Judge Foust declared a mistrial for the remaining charges when jurors were unable to reach a unanimous verdict. The habitual felon phase of the trial could not be held due to the mistrial on the felony offenses.

Julmar Jackson, 28, was tried for 1) felony flee to elude arrest, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found Simpson *not guilty*. The habitual felon phase of the trial could not be held due to the jury's verdicts for the felony offenses.

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

Carlos White, 37, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison.

Izzie Banner, 42, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) misdemeanor larceny and 3) resisting a public officer. He was sentenced to 18-28 months in prison. Some of Banner's prior convictions include possession of cocaine, sale of cocaine and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

*Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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