

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Juries convict 3 defendants of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of August 12, 2019, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted seven defendants in Superior Court. Three were tried before juries and found guilty, and four others pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Carla N. Archie and The Honorable Donnie Hoover, Superior Court Judges.

Grant Harden, 22, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found Harden *guilty* of larceny after breaking or entering and felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found him *not guilty* of felony breaking or entering. Judge Hoover sentenced Harden to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Kara Mickey Smythwood, 42, was tried for 1) second-degree burglary and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found Smythwood *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering and *not guilty* of larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Archie sentenced Smythwood to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Kianu Rivers, 21, was tried for 1) felony larceny, 2) two counts of financial card theft and 3) three counts of felony financial card fraud. The jury found Rivers *guilty* of two counts of financial card theft and three counts of felony financial card fraud. The jury found Rivers *not guilty* of felony larceny. Judge Archie sentenced Rivers to a total of 10-30 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Antonio Grier, 25, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) three counts of felony breaking or entering and 3) three counts of larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Archie sentenced Grier to 73-100 months in prison.

Damarion Funderburk, 25, pled guilty to three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced Funderburk to 30-55 months in prison.

Phillip Johnson, 44, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Hoover sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Ronald Foster, 40, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Hoover sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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