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## **Juries determine fate of habitual felons on trial**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team called multiple cases for trial the week of August 15, 2011, at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150, 5130, and 6170 before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, The Honorable F. Lane Williamson and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges.

Demontrise Davis, 29, was tried for possession of cocaine. A mistrial was declared after the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict.

James Thompson, 41, was tried for possession of cocaine. A mistrial was declared after the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict.

Haywood Reid, 49, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) resisting a public officer, 3) possessing drug paraphernalia, and 4) misdemeanor larceny. The jury found Reid *guilty* of resisting a public officer, possessing drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor larceny, but *not guilty* of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Reid was sentenced to a total of 240 days in the county jail, the maximum allowed by law in this instance, for the misdemeanors.

Rutherford Moore, 37, was tried for 1) conspiring to sell marijuana and 2) possessing a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school. The jury found Moore *not guilty*. Moore was not a habitual felon. His co-defendant was a habitual felon and had already entered a guilty plea.

Charles Johnson was called for trial. Prior to jury selection, Johnson changed his previous plea of *not guilty* and entered a guilty plea to 1) two counts of possessing a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Johnson was sentenced to 117-150 months in prison.

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