

NEWS RELEASE

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Felony drug trials and pleas

CHARLOTTE, NC – Beginning August 8, 2011, and ending August 12, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team tried two defendants before a jury. Three other defendants pled guilty in lieu of having a trial. The trials were held in Courtroom 5370 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Luis Montalvo-Munoz, 21, pled guilty to 1) two counts of attempted trafficking in greater than 4 grams, but less than 14 grams, of heroin and 2) passions with intent to sell or deliver heroin. Judge Evans sentenced Munoz to 38-48 months in prison.

Lennard Jackson, 28, was tried before a jury for the charges of 1) possession of cocaine, 2) resisting a public officer, and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* as to the two misdemeanor charges. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict as to the possession of cocaine charge. Jackson was placed on probation for the misdemeanor convictions.

Telly Moon, 36, was tried before a jury for trafficking in more than 28 grams of heroin. After over three days of trial, and at the conclusion of the presentation of the evidence, Judge Evans granted the defendant's motion to dismiss the case.

Thomas Allison, 61, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Evans sentenced Allison to 8-10 months in prison to be suspended for a period of 24 months of supervised probation; as an additional condition of his probation, Allison must serve 30 days in the county jail.

James Culp, 51, pled guilty to possession of cocaine before The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge. Judge Kincaid sentenced Culp to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence shall begin at the expiration of the prison sentence that Culp is currently serving.

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