

NEWS RELEASE

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Four defendants tried by DA's Habitual Felon Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Habitual Felon Team called four cases for trial the week of August 13, 2012. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370.

Leonard Givens, 23, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) possession of stolen goods, 4) conspiracy to commit breaking or entering and 5) being a habitual felon. The jury found Thompson *guilty* as charged and he admitted his status as a habitual felon. The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Givens to 100-138 months in prison. Some of Givens's prior convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle, felony breaking or entering and felony larceny.

Sheila Carter, 53, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found Carter *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of drug paraphernalia and being a habitual felon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict as to possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, sentenced Carter to 88-115 months in prison. Some of Carter's prior convictions include financial card theft and multiple convictions of uttering a forged instrument.

Terrance Malachi, 28, was tried for 1) attempted common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found Hopkins *guilty* of attempted common law robbery. The habitual felon charge was dismissed by Judge Levinson at the close of State's evidence. Judge Levinson sentenced Malachi to 20-24 months in prison. Some of Malachi's prior convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle and felony obtaining property by false pretense.

Savonte Watkins, 35, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

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