

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury's verdict sends habitual felon to prison; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of September 2, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted three habitual felons. The team tried one defendant, and two others pled guilty. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable William H. Coward, Superior Court Judge. Court was not held on September 1, 2014, in observance of Labor Day.

Markus Raemon Herrera, 22, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) larceny of a firearm, 3) breaking or entering, 4) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 5) felony larceny and 6) being a habitual felon. The jury found Herrera *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking or entering, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and felony larceny. The jury found Herrera *not guilty* of larceny of a firearm. Herrera then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Coward sentenced him to 126-176 months in prison. Some of Herrera's prior convictions include breaking or entering, uttering a forged instrument and possession of stolen goods.

Before his case was called for trial, Travis Williams, 39, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) sale of cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. He was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Some of Williams' prior convictions include breaking or entering a motor vehicle, possession of stolen goods and breaking or entering.

After his case was called for trial, Sigmond Williams, 34, pled guilty as charged to 1) possession of a schedule I controlled substance, 2) possession of cocaine, 3) possession of marijuana and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Coward sentenced him to 36-56 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Williams must serve 6 months in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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