

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man of drug offenses; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Two defendants were tried for drug crimes August 31-September 3, 2015, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Two additional defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial, and prosecutors also made arguments in regard to a motion filed by another defendant. The proceedings for these cases, which were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team, were held before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Myleick Patterson, 17, was tried for 1) two counts of sale of marijuana and 2) two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Patterson to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Ronald Chalk, 43, was tried for 1) manufacturing cocaine, 2) possession of cocaine, 3) maintaining a dwelling for drug purposes and 4) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found Chalk *not guilty*.

Lanell Fordham, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Fordham was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Carlton Pickett, 32, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Pickett was sentenced to 36 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Another defendant charged with drug crimes filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging a violation of his legal rights. Judge Bell, who heard arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, will issue a ruling at a later date.

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