

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Habitual felons convicted after jury trials**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Habitual Felon Team called five cases for trial the week of September 12, 2011. The trials were held in courtroom 5130 before the Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, courtroom 5150 before the Honorable Richard D. Boner, Chief Resident Superior Court Judge, and courtroom 5370 before the Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Cleveland Williams, 36, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver, 2) trafficking in cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* to the two felony charges. Williams admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Boner sentenced Williams to 84-110 months in prison. Some of Williams' prior convictions include possession with intent to sell or deliver controlled substances and aggravated robbery.

Mary Coleman Grier, 61, was tried for 1) larceny of a chose in action, 2) forgery, 3) uttering a forged instrument, and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* on all counts. Judge Bell sentenced Grier at the top of the aggravated range to 182-228 months in prison. Grier has over fifty prior convictions for uttering, forgery, and false pretense. She has previously been convicted and served a sentence as a habitual felon. In committing her crimes, Grier has regularly targeted elderly citizens in our county.

Demontrise Davis, 28, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A *mistrial* was declared after the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict.

Jose Williams, 29, was called for trial. He changed his previous plea of *not guilty* and entered a plea of *guilty* as charged to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) possession of stolen goods, 4) possession of marijuana, 5) possession of drug paraphernalia, 6) resisting a public officer, and 7) being a habitual felon. Judge Boner sentenced Williams to 60-81 months in prison.

Koron Osborne, 44, was called for trial and failed to appear. Judge Bell issued an order for his arrest.

John Mayhew, 31, was called for trial and failed to appear. Judge Evans issued an order for his arrest.

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