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**Habitual felon who led police on high-speed chase, 2 others convicted at trial**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual felon who led police on a chase that reached speeds of more than 100 mph and two other felons were recently convicted at trial by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. The team called cases for trial during the week of September 8, 2015. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, The Honorable Robert C. Ervin and The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on September 7, 2015, in observance of Labor Day.

Devlin Chauncey Adams, 45, was tried for 1) failing to heed a light or siren, 2) felony fleeing to elude arrest in a motor vehicle, 3) reckless driving to endanger, 4) speeding 110 mph in a 60 mph zone, 5) driving while license revoked and 6) being a habitual felon. A jury found Adams *guilty* as charged. After the jury's verdict, Adams admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced Adams to 60-84 months in prison. In May 2014, this incident began near the intersection of U.S. 29 and Interstate 85 when a N.C. State Highway Patrolman attempted to stop Adams for failing to wear a seatbelt as he drove a Chrysler 300. Adams did not stop when troopers activated their lights and sirens, instead attempting to elude arrest. Troopers followed Adams for more than 16 miles, and at times, Adams reached speeds of more than 100 mph. The chase ended when troopers successfully used their own vehicles to physically stop Adams' flight on Old Mt. Holly Road. Some of Adams' prior convictions include trafficking in cocaine and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Kenterries Lamont Johnson, 38, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Johnson *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of possession of cocaine. Following the jury's verdict, Johnson admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Ervin sentenced Johnson to 42-63 months in prison. Some of Johnson's previous convictions include sale of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Markus Deonte Hammonds, 30, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A jury found Hammonds *guilty*. Judge Levinson sentenced Hammonds to 17-30 months in prison.

Christopher Jason Hudson, 29, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Levinson declared a mistrial when a jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Harry Kurtis Joyner, III, 32, pled guilty to 1) felony fleeing to elude arrest in a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Joyner was sentenced to 83-112 months in prison. Some of Joyner's prior convictions include common law

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robbery, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and felony possession of marijuana.

Demond Evans, 39, pled guilty to 1) financial card theft and 2) being a habitual felon. Evans was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Some of Evans' prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, felony breaking or entering and felony larceny.

Ricco Dontae Jackson, 37, pled guilty to two counts of sale of cocaine. Jackson was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Demontrise Antwan Davis, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) being a habitual felon. Davis was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Davis must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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