

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 3 at trial; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried three defendants, and another three defendants pled guilty during the week of September 9, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5130 and 5170 before The Honorable Carl R. Fox and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Robert Garcia, 29, was tried for three counts of obtaining property by false pretenses. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. He will be sentenced at a later date.

Dominique Crowder, 28, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found Crowder *guilty* of felony possession of stolen goods and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor larceny. The jury found Crowder *not guilty* of breaking or entering. Judge Fox sentenced Crowder to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Crowder must serve 8 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and pay \$1,822 in restitution to the victims.

Omari Revan, 25, was tried for 1) first-degree burglary, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found Revan *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor possession of stolen goods and *not guilty* on the remaining charges. Judge Bell sentenced Revan to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Among the three defendants who pled guilty before their cases were called for trial were:

Devin Alexander, 21, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of felony larceny of a motor vehicle and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Fox sentenced Alexander to 24-38 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Judge Fox also ordered that Alexander wear an electronic monitor for 12 months and pay \$2,329.24 in restitution.

Reginald Gilkesson, 20, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Bell sentenced Gilkesson to 17-33 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$1,000 in restitution.

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