

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 defendants of property crimes; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries convicted two defendants of property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of September 19, 2016. A third defendant pled guilty soon after his case was called for trial. These defendants were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

Cedric Shields, 20, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found Shields *guilty* as charged. Judge Archie sentenced Shields to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Shields must complete 10 hours of community service each week until he finds employment.

Shakete Young, 29, was tried for obtaining property by false pretense. The jury found Young *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Young to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Young must pay \$300 in restitution.

When called for trial, Demario Blakeney, 20, filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing from the appropriate witnesses and listening to arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Archie denied Blakeney's motion. Then, Blakeney pled guilty to possession of a stolen firearm. Judge Archie sentenced Blakeney to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Blakeney must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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