

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man of drug offenses; 10 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted a man of drug offenses at trial in Superior Court, and 10 other defendants entered guilty pleas during the week of September 28, 2015. The team also made arguments in regard to motions filed by three defendants. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

Bob Murdock, 29, was tried for 1) sale of marijuana, 2) delivery of marijuana, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 4) felony maintaining a vehicle for selling marijuana. The jury found him *guilty* of delivery of marijuana, possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and maintaining a vehicle for selling marijuana. The jury found him *not guilty* of sale of marijuana. Judge Archie sentenced Murdock to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. In July 2012, Murdock delivered marijuana to an undercover Huntersville police officer.

Jeffrey Gregory, 50, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violation of his legal rights. After hearing arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Archie denied the motion. Gregory then pled guilty as charged to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 2) felony possession of marijuana and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. Gregory was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Gregory must serve 11 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

James Brody, 34, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violation of his legal rights. Judge Archie, who heard arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, denied the motion. Brody then pled guilty to possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver. Brody was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Another defendant facing drug charges also filed motions to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Archie denied both motions. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

The following eight defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Isidro Esquivel, 40, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine. Esquivel was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Nickdan Stowe, 36, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Archie sentenced Stowe to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a one of the conditions of his probation, Stowe must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Jonathan Bingley, 31, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Archie sentenced Bingley to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Bingley must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Steven Minor, 31, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Archie sentenced Minor to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Minor must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Stacey Quick, 27, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Quick was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of her probation, Quick must serve 3 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Montdrekus Moore, 22, pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Moore was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Tyrone Williams, 30, pled guilty to felony possession of marijuana. Williams was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Michael Garcia, 25, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Archie sentenced Garcia to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

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