

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 2 at trial; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted seven defendants during the week of September 30, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The team convicted two defendants at trial, and five others pled guilty before their cases were called for trial.

Ronald Deese III, 24, was tried for 1) second-degree rape, 2) two counts of second-degree sex offense and 3) felony breaking or entering. The jury found him *guilty* of second-degree rape, one count of second-degree sex offense and breaking or entering. The jury found him *not guilty* on the other count of second-degree sex offense. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Deese to a total of 192-250 months in prison. [Click here](#) for more information about Deese's conviction.

Stephen Long, 65, was tried for 1) burning personal property and 2) malicious use of an explosive or incendiary device to damage property. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Long to 12-15 months in prison. [Click here](#) for more information about Long's conviction.

Five defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Andrey Gurlov, 31, pled guilty to 1) two counts of common law robbery, 2) breaking or entering and 3) felony larceny. The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Gurlov to 28-34 months in prison. Gurlov was also sentenced to an additional 10-12 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Terry Johnson, 35, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Boner sentenced Johnson to 8-19 months in prison.

Lonnie Bryant, 48, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Boner sentenced Bryant to 10-21 months in prison.

Walter Jones, 26, pled guilty to four counts of common law robbery. The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Jones to 10-21 months in prison.

Michael White, 28, pled guilty to assault. Judge Boner sentenced White to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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