

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury's guilty verdict sends embezzler to prison; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried two defendants and convicted three others who pled guilty October 13-17, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Lisa Dabbs, 32, was tried for embezzlement. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Lewis sentenced Dabbs to 6-17 months in prison and ordered her to pay \$30,825.35 in restitution. From September 2011 to November 2012, Dabbs worked as an administrative assistant at Stanley Apothecary and was tasked with making daily deposits from the pharmacy's sales. During this time period, Dabbs would deposit the checks received and often keep any cash designated for deposit for herself, resulting in a loss to the business of more than \$35,000.

Caroine Funderburk, 19, was tried for 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) resisting an officer. Judge Lewis declared a mistrial when jurors were unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Demontrey King, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary and 2) felony breaking or entering. King also admitted to an aggravating factor. King was sentenced to 41-62 months in prison.

Quinton Williams, 37, pled guilty to felony exploitation of an elder. Williams was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Williams' successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Williams must perform community service and pay \$4,822.65 in restitution.

Derrick Sturdivant, 24, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny from the person, 2) eight counts of breaking or entering, 3) seven counts of felony larceny and 4) possession of a stolen firearm. Sturdivant was sentenced to two consecutive sentences of 5-15 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending Sturdivant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Sturdivant must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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