

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team tries 2 defendants; convicts 3 others

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried two defendants and convicted three others who pled guilty October 14-18, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges.

Lindsay Matthews, 45, was tried for 1) sale of cocaine, 2) delivery of cocaine, 3) possession with intent to sell cocaine and 4) conspiracy to sell cocaine. After the close of evidence, Judge Foust dismissed the charge of conspiracy to sell cocaine. Judge Foust then declared a mistrial when jurors were unable to reach unanimous verdicts on the remaining charges.

Clarence Williams, 24, was tried for 1) sale of marijuana, 2) delivery of marijuana, 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 4) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

The following three defendants pled guilty when their cases were called for trial:

Jose Funes-Rivas, 19, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) trafficking in heroin by transportation. Judge Foust sentenced Funes-Rivas to 70-93 months in prison.

Charles Jackson, 49 pled guilty to 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession, 2) trafficking in cocaine by transportation and 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Lewis sentenced Jackson to 35-51 months in prison.

Stephen Roberts, 33, pled guilty to felony possession of cocaine. Judge Foust sentenced him to 12 months of supervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

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