

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team tries 1 defendant; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team recently tried one defendant, and another defendant entered a guilty plea. The proceedings were held September 10-24, 2018, before The Honorable Carla N. Archie and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Gaylord Hill, 56, was charged with 1) five counts of possession of heroin with the intent to sell or deliver, 2) four counts of sale of heroin, 3) four counts of delivering heroin and 4) trafficking in heroin by possession. When the jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts, Judge Bell declared a mistrial.

Prosecutors also addressed pretrial motions in two other cases. Both of those cases were continued for trial.

Before her cases were called for trial, Lacey Whelchell, 25, pled guilty to 1) possession of heroin with the intent to sell or deliver and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Judge Archie sentenced Whelchell to 13-25 months in prison. Judge Archie also sentenced Whelchell to an additional 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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