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Jury convicts habitual felon of robbing Charlotte bank

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury found Randy Meeks, Jr., 55, guilty of robbing a Charlotte bank in 2012. The trial, which began October 28, 2013, was held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried Meeks for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Morgan dismissed the conspiracy charge. On October 31, 2013, the jury found Meeks *guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Meeks then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Morgan sentenced Meeks to 102-135 months in prison.



Randy Meeks, Jr.

In February 2012, Treymayne Thompson entered the Bank of America branch on Randolph Road in Charlotte, asked about opening an account and then left the bank. Soon, Meeks entered the bank with a stocking over his face. He carried a bag in one hand and kept his other hand in his pocket, implying to bank employees that he had a gun. He demanded money from a teller and threatened to shoot bank employees. The teller gave Meeks money but placed tracking devices into the bag with the cash. Police found Meeks and Thompson, who acted as the getaway driver, about 15 minutes later in a nearby vehicle. Inside the car, police found clothing worn by Meeks during the robbery, stockings, the tracking devices and more than \$3,000.

Meeks' prior convictions include six counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, as well as a federal conviction in 1987 for bank robbery.

Thompson, who testified in the trial against Meeks, previously pled guilty to conspiracy to commit common law robbery. He will be sentenced at a later date.

District Attorney Andrew Murray's Habitual Felon Team is dedicated to protecting the community by prosecuting repeat offenders who qualify for habitual felon status under North Carolina law.

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