

NEWS RELEASE

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7 defendants convicted during Drug Team's trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried one defendant and convicted seven others who pled guilty October 27-31, 2014. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Richard Reichle, 52, was tried for trafficking in methamphetamine by possession. The case resulted in a mistrial and will proceed to retrial at a later date.

One defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Lewis denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

The following seven defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Rory Patterson, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, 3) felony maintaining a dwelling for using, keeping or selling controlled substances and 4) possession of drug paraphernalia. Patterson was sentenced to 36-56 months in prison.

Bobby Martin, 42, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine by possession. Martin was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Martin must serve 6 months in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Dandre Donel, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of drug paraphernalia and 2) resisting a public officer. Donel was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Donel must serve 30 days in jail.

Marquette Battle, 31, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Battle was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Battle must serve 2 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Jarod Pearson, 23, pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Pearson was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Cass Delaney, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Delaney was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Manika Miller, 28, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Miller was sentenced to 12 months of unsupervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

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