

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 defendants of drug crimes; another defendant pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of October 31, 2016, two juries returned guilty verdicts in the trials of defendants charged with drug crimes. Another defendant pled guilty before his case was called for trial. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team prosecuted these defendants before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Deontae Green, 30, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found Green *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Green to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Fredrick Miles, 43, was charged with 1) felony possession of marijuana and 2) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. The jury found Miles *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Miles to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Another defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Bell, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the defendant's motion and ruled that the evidence is admissible. The case will be scheduled for trial at a later date.

Marcellus Morris, 27, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Bell sentenced Morris to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Morris must serve 13 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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