

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team convicts 3 defendants at trial; 7 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries convicted all three defendants tried by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of November 7, 2016. Five other defendants pled guilty when their cases were called for trial, and an additional two defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges.

Kenneth James Lane, 45, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering, 4) conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering and 5) being a habitual felon. A jury found Lane *guilty* of felony breaking or entering, felony larceny and conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering. The jury found him *not guilty* of two counts of larceny after breaking or entering. Upon the jury's verdicts, Lane admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Lane to 178-238 months in prison. Lane's prior convictions include felony fleeing to elude arrest, obtaining property by false pretenses and forgery.

Kenneth Robert Fuller, 33, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Fuller *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of possession of cocaine. Upon the jury's verdict, Fuller denied his status as a habitual felon. A jury then found Fuller *guilty* of being a habitual felon, however, Judge Foust set aside that finding and sentenced Fuller to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

When called for trial, Tevin Cortez Faulkner, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony conspiracy, 4) felony possession of stolen goods and 5) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Hunt sentenced Faulkner to 38-58 months in prison. Faulkner's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering, attempted first-degree burglary and attempted second-degree burglary.

When called for trial, Clayton Junior McQueary, 52, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced McQueary to 35-54 months in prison. McQueary's prior convictions include trafficking in cocaine and multiple counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

When called for trial, Marcus Xavier Harden, 25, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Hunt sentenced Harden to

38-58 months in prison. Harden's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

When called for trial, Kendeall Leshawn Martin, 34, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Foust sentenced Martin to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. Martin did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

When called for trial, Brandon Dominic Green, 28, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) two counts of misdemeanor larceny, 3) misdemeanor hit and run and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Green to 38-58 months in prison. Green's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Johnny Broderick McDaniel, 46, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Foust sentenced McDaniel to 51-74 months in prison. McDaniel's prior convictions include selling and delivering cocaine, possession of cocaine and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Ashlee Quaneke Walker, 22, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Judge Hunt sentenced Walker to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Walker's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. Walker did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

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