

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Property Team tries 1 defendant; convicts 5 others

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried one defendant, and five others pled guilty to property crimes during the week of November 12-15, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Another defendant was sentenced to prison for an earlier conviction. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Carl R. Fox, The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans and The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judges.

Magdial Ramos, 19, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. The jury found Ramos *not guilty*.

Marcus Withers, 21, was called for trial, but midway through jury selection, he decided to plead guilty. He pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of larceny, 3) two counts of possession of stolen goods and 4) two counts of conspiracy. Judge Evans sentenced Withers to a total of 12-34 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Withers must serve 52 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and pay \$1,032 in restitution.

Robert Garcia, 29, who was previously convicted at trial of three counts of obtaining property by false pretenses, was sentenced by Judge Fox to 30-36 months in prison. Judge Fox also ordered that Garcia pay more than \$4,300 in restitution.

Four other defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Thomas Spires, 31, pled guilty to two counts of felony uttering a forged instrument. Judge Boner sentenced Spires to 4-14 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$1,825.46 in restitution to the victim.

Darius Hancock, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Judge Evans sentenced Hancock to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Hancock must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Jonathan Potts, 20, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) possession of a stolen vehicle. Judge Evans sentenced Potts to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Potts' successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. Judge Evans also ordered Potts to pay \$4,627 in restitution to the victim.

Quinton Gary, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. Judge Fox issued Gary a temporary prayer for judgment for 24 months and ordered Gary to pay \$720 in court costs and restitution during that time period.

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