

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team's 4 trials end with guilty verdicts; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Each of the Habitual Felon Team's four trials ended with guilty verdicts during the week of November 9, 2015. Another three defendants pled guilty before being called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy and The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on November 11, 2015, in observance of Veterans Day.

Shirley Teresa Crowder, 53, was tried for 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 3) obtaining property by false pretense and 4) being a habitual felon. A jury found Crowder *guilty* of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, obtaining property by false pretense and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor larceny. After the jury's verdict, Crowder admitted her status as a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Crowder to 97-129 months in prison. Some of Crowder's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, delivering cocaine and uttering a forged instrument.

Leandros Crosby, 37, was tried for 1) trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) possession with the intent to sell or heroin. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Pomeroy dismissed the charge of possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin. The jury found Crosby *guilty* of trafficking in heroin. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Crosby to 90-120 months in prison. Some of Crosby's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Christopher Lorne Moses, 31, was tried for 1) possession of heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Moses *guilty* of possession of heroin. After the jury's verdict, Moses admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Moses to 33-52 months in prison. Some of Moses' prior convictions include possession of a schedule II controlled substance and two counts of felony breaking or entering.

Jerome Lamont Patton, 41, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Patton *guilty* of possession of cocaine. Patton then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Patton to 36-56 months in prison. Some of Patton's prior convictions include possession of cocaine, selling cocaine and trafficking in cocaine.

Jeffrey Lee Truesdale, 40, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Truesdale was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Some of Truesdale's priors include possession of a stolen motor vehicle, larceny after breaking or entering and carrying a firearm during trafficking.

James Calvin Quick, Jr., 29, pled guilty to 1) two counts of larceny from the person, 2) resisting a public officer and 3) being a habitual felon. Quick was sentenced to 75-102 months in prison.

Darrell Arthor Bentley, 31, pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Bentley was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

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