

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict sex offenders, armed robber

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries' verdicts resulted in the convictions of two sex offenders and an armed robber who were tried by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Another three defendants entered guilty pleas before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held November 16-24, 2015, before The Honorable W. Erwin Spainhour, The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges.

Freddie Thompson, 23, was tried for 1) three counts of first-degree rape and 2) two counts of first-degree sex offense. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Spainhour dismissed one count of first-degree rape and one count of first-degree sex offense. The jury then found the defendant *guilty* of one count of first-degree sex offense and *not guilty* of one count of first-degree rape. Because the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the remaining count of first-degree rape, Judge Spainhour declared a mistrial as to that charge. Judge Spainhour sentenced Thompson to 192-291 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Thompson must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Ryan Andrews, 26, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty* of the conspiracy offense. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Andrews to 83-121 months in prison.

Kevin McReed, 24, was tried for 1) second-degree sex offense, 2) first-degree kidnapping, 3) common law robbery and 4) assault on a female. The jury found him *guilty* of second-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping and assault on a female. The jury found him *not guilty* of common law robbery. Judge Evans sentenced McReed to 80-156 months in prison, as well as an additional 75 days in custody. Upon his release from prison, McReed must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jonathan Head, 27, was tried for felony carrying a concealed weapon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

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

Demetrius Fetherson, 23, pled guilty to second-degree rape. Fetherson was sentenced to 73-148 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Fetherson must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

Maurice Slowe, 18, pled guilty to 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Slowe was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Brittany Fitch, 30, pled guilty to aggravated serious injury by vehicle. Fitch was sentenced to 36-56 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Fitch's successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Fitch must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and pay \$26,963.73 in restitution to the victim.

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