

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team convicts 3 at trial; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted three defendants at trial during the week of December 2, 2013. Another two defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. These matters were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Torrence Peoples, 35, was tried for 1) sale of marijuana, 2) delivery of marijuana, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 4) possession of drug paraphernalia and 5) being a habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty* of sale of marijuana, delivery of marijuana and being a habitual felon. The jury found him *not guilty* of possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Bell sentenced Peoples to 103-136 months in prison. Some of Peoples' prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon, common law robbery, selling cocaine and larceny of a firearm.

Anthony Jones, 41, was tried for 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged, and he admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Jones to 33-52 months in prison. Some of Jones' prior convictions include felony larceny and two counts of common law robbery.

Robert Brown, 45, was tried for 1) felony larceny, 2) larceny from a merchant, 3) two counts of first-degree trespassing and 4) misdemeanor larceny. The jury found him *guilty* of misdemeanor larceny and one count of first-degree trespassing. Jurors were unable to reach unanimous verdicts on the remaining charges, and Judge Hunt declared a mistrial on those charges. For the larceny offense, Judge Hunt sentenced Brown to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. For the trespassing offense, Brown was sentenced to 60 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. In addition, Brown pled guilty to attempted felony larceny and was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. Brown's prior convictions include felony larceny and multiple convictions for breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Ladarrell Brown, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. He was sentenced to 70-96 months in prison. Some of Brown's prior convictions include larceny of a firearm, possession of firearm by a convicted felon and eight prior convictions for breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Randolph Cunningham, 52, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 12-15 months in prison. Some of Cunningham's prior convictions include possession of cocaine and felony larceny.

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