

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team tries 1 defendant; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried one defendant and convicted four others who pled guilty December 1-9, 2014. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Kevin Funderburk, 26, was tried for 1) two counts of sale of marijuana, 2) delivery of marijuana and 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

One defendant facing drug charges filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Lewis denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

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

Calvin Mobley, 46, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) delivery of cocaine. Mobley was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Jatarious Houston, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Houston was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Brandon Fesperman, 28, pled guilty to possession of heroin. Fesperman was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Julie St. Clair, 42, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. St. Clair was sentenced to 12 months of supervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

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