

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team tries 1 defendant; 9 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team recently tried one defendant and convicted nine defendants who entered guilty pleas in Superior Court. The proceedings were held during the week of December 5, 2016, before The Honorable Casey M. Viser, Superior Court Judge.

William Ball, 65, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, and as a result, Judge Viser declared a mistrial. The case will be scheduled for retrial at a later date.

McArthur Bolton, 27, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Viser, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the defendant's motion and ruled that the evidence was admissible. Bolton then pled guilty to 1) carrying a concealed weapon and 2) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. Judge Viser sentenced Bolton to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Dwayne Hudson, 28, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Hudson was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Wendell McCain, 27, pled guilty to two counts of possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver. McCain was sentenced to a total of 12-34 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Bernard Grier, 57, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Grier was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Alan Griffin, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of heroin, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. Griffin was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Travis Scott, 37, pled guilty to felony possession of marijuana. Scott was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months

of unsupervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Scott must perform 200 hours of community service and pay a \$500 fine.

Arsenio Hopper, 26, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor possession of marijuana and 2) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. Hopper was sentenced to a total of 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Richard Krochmal, 69, pled guilty to felony possession of marijuana. Judge Viser ordered that Krochmal receive a discharge of the offense pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes on the condition that he successfully complete 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Dontavious Clawson, 26, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Viser ordered that Clawson receive a discharge of the offense pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes on the condition that he successfully complete 12 months of supervised probation.

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