

NEWS RELEASE

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Robbers, armed felons among 7 convicted during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of December 9, 2013, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried two defendants and convicted another five defendants who pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The defendants were convicted of charges such as robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The proceedings were held in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, The Honorable Richard D. Boner and The Honorable Ola M. Lewis, Superior Court Judges.

Tahj Wilson, 24, was tried for 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) felony possession of cocaine. The jury found him *guilty* of one count of robbery, conspiracy and possession of cocaine. The jury found Wilson *not guilty* of the other robbery offense. Wilson has not yet been sentenced because he failed to return to the courtroom following a recess. Judge Ervin has issued an order for his arrest. Wilson will be sentenced once he is apprehended. [Click here](#) for more information about the case.

Ryan Hopkins, 21, was tried for charges related to a shooting that occurred in Charlotte in May 2012. Following testimony from the victim, Hopkins decided to plead guilty to 1) attempted first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Boner sentenced Hopkins to 180-229 months in prison. [Click here](#) for more information about the case.

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

Pierre McClure, 25, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced McClure to 26-44 months in prison.

Walter Boyd, 26, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Boner sentenced Boyd to 17-30 months in prison.

Laregis McCoy, 22, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Ervin sentenced McCoy to 16-29 months in prison.

Quadarious Thomas, 19, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. Judge Ervin sentenced Thomas to 29-47 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Thomas must serve 284 days in the Mecklenburg County.

Toddrick McFadden, 23, pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced McFadden to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, McFadden must serve 18 days in jail. Additionally, Judge Lewis found McFadden in criminal contempt of court and sentenced McFadden to 30 days in jail for that offense.

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