

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Guilty verdicts send habitual felons to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted three defendants at trial, and another defendant pled guilty during the week of December 8, 2014. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, The Honorable Lindsay R. Davis, Jr., and The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judges.

Richard Eury, 44, was tried for 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. A jury found Eury *guilty* of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and *not guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle. Upon the verdict, Eury admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Eury to 90-120 months in prison. Some of Eury's previous convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle and breaking or entering.

Willie Jenkins, 44, was tried for 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) felony larceny, 3) communicating threats and 4) being a habitual felon. A jury found Jenkins *guilty* of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, communicating threats and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor larceny. Upon the guilty verdict, Jenkins admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Jenkins to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Jenkins' previous convictions include breaking or entering a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and possession of a weapon of mass destruction.

Timothy Belcher, 52, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Belcher *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. As a result, the habitual felon phase of the trial could not proceed. Judge Davis sentenced Belcher to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Prior to being called for trial, Timothy Wright, 41, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) possession of burglary tools and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Wright to 182-238 months in prison.

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