

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Violent Crimes Team, Misdemeanor Appeals Team call cases for trial**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Working together in two courtrooms, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team and Misdemeanor Appeals Team called cases for trial during the week of December 11, 2017. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5130 and 5170 before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

The Violent Crimes Team prosecuted the following two defendants:

The week before his case could be called for trial, Richard Martin, 25, pled guilty to attempted second-degree forcible sex offense. Judge Archie sentenced Martin to 50-120 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Martin must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

When called for trial, Romain Chancley, 27, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Chancley to 21-38 months in prison; Judge Kuehnert suspended that sentence pending Chancley's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

The Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicted eight defendants. One was found guilty by a jury, six entered guilty pleas and one defendant remanded her case to District Court for sentencing. The Misdemeanor Appeals Team prosecutes cases in which the defendant was convicted in District Court and then appeals his or her conviction to Superior Court for a jury trial, as allowed under North Carolina law.

Among those convicted by the Misdemeanor Appeals Team were:

Deontae Green, 31, was tried for driving while impaired. A jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Green to 6 months in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Green must serve 16 days in jail, complete a substance abuse assessment and complete the recommended treatment. In 2015, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police responded to a single-car crash on East Independence Boulevard. Green was determined to have been the driver of the heavily damaged vehicle. His blood alcohol concentration was .18.

Rodney McGill, 38, pled guilty to misdemeanor flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Kuehnert sentenced McGill to 15 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Rochelle McMullen, 44, pled guilty to first-degree trespassing. Judge Kuehnert sentenced McMullen to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine.

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