

# NEWS RELEASE

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## DA's Habitual Felon Team convicts 3 at trial; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries convicted three defendants in trials led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of December 14, 2015. Another two defendants pled guilty prior to being called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt and The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judges.

Samuel Baker, 42, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver a schedule I controlled substance and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Baker *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Upon the jury's verdict, Baker admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced Baker to 23-40 months in prison. Some of Baker's prior convictions include possession of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Corey Montrez McCree, 31, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found McCree *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of possession of cocaine. Upon the jury's verdict, McCree admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Hunt sentenced McCree to 27-42 months in prison. McCree's prior convictions include selling cocaine.

Tekanya Boyd, 24, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 2) assault by pointing a gun and 3) discharging a firearm in the city. A jury found Boyd *guilty* as charged. Judge Lewis sentenced Boyd to 25-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Boyd must serve 10 months in prison. Boyd did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

Ramona Louise Gill, 61, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) attempted trafficking in cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Gill was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison. Gill's prior convictions include common law robbery, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of cocaine.

Tris Thrower, 51, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Thrower was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. Thrower did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

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