

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts defendant; 2 plead guilty to property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of January 7, 2019, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted three defendants in Superior Court. One was tried before a jury, and two others entered guilty pleas before their matters were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Donnie Hoover and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Johnny Penny, 35, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering and *not guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Hoover sentenced Penny to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Edward Davis, 28, pled guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge Hoover sentenced Davis to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Tyree Smith, 20, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced Smith to 6-17 months in prison.

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