

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts habitual felon; 3 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury convicted a habitual felon, and three other defendants entered guilty pleas in a trial session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of January 8, 2018. These proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Lori I. Hamilton and The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judges.

Brian Keith Robinson, 58, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Robinson *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Robinson then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced Robinson to 90-120 months in prison. Robinson's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and sale of cocaine.

Reginald Gaddy, 52, filed a motion to suppress certain evidence utilized by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Hamilton, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the motion. Gaddy then pled guilty to 1) two counts of trafficking in heroin, 2) conspiracy to traffic in heroin 3) possession of drug paraphernalia and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Hamilton sentenced Gaddy to 176-236 months in prison. Gaddy's prior convictions include possession of heroin and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

David Eugene Truesdale, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced Truesdale to 50-72 months in prison. Truesdale's prior convictions include common law robbery, sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine.

James Ward, 34, pled guilty to attempted larceny from the person. Judge Sumner sentenced Ward to 9-20 months; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Ward must serve 100 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Another defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence utilized by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Hamilton, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, granted the motion. The case remains pending.

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