

NEWS RELEASE

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Sixteen defendants prosecuted by Drug Prosecution Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Drug Prosecution Team prosecuted 16 defendants the week of January 17, 2012, through January 20, 2012, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, and The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judges.

Shadrach Brown, 26, was tried for 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all counts. Judge Williamson sentenced Brown to 5 to 6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended upon his successful completion of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Brown must serve 14 days in the county jail.

Shaka Greene, 31, was tried for 1) two counts of trafficking in marijuana 2) felony possession of marijuana and 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on all counts.

Cari Mattox, 43, was tried for 1) three counts of sale of schedule II controlled substance 2) one count of sale of schedule IV controlled substance 3) three counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver schedule II controlled substance 4) one count of possession with intent to sell or deliver schedule IV controlled substance. A *mistrial* was declared by Judge Evans when defense counsel was allowed to withdraw in the middle of the trial.

Dewayne Hemphill, 22, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized by law enforcement and certain statements made by the defendant, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Sumner denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

Twelve defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial and based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to Modesto Abrego's active prison sentence of 70 to 84 months for trafficking in cocaine.

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