

NEWS RELEASE

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Guilty verdicts send 3 habitual felons to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries convicted three defendants in trials led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of January 19, 2016. Another defendant pled guilty when he was called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5130, 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, The Honorable Robert T. Sumner and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on January 18, 2016, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and court was not held on January 22, 2016, due to inclement weather.

Mario Donye Gullette, 36, was tried for 1) trafficking in heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Gullette *guilty* as charged. Upon the jury's verdict, Gullette admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Gullette to 88-118 months in prison. Some of Gullette's prior convictions include common law robbery, sale of cocaine, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Terrance Germaine Malachi, 31, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) carrying a concealed firearm and 3) being a habitual felon. A jury found Malachi *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and *not guilty* of carrying a concealed firearm. After the jury's verdict, Malachi admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced Malachi to 100-132 months in prison. Some of Malachi's prior convictions include attempted common law robbery, theft of United States government property, forgery and obtaining property by false pretense.

Christopher Jason Hudson, 29, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods and 4) being a habitual felon. A jury found Hudson *guilty* as charged. Upon the jury's verdict, Hudson admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced Hudson to 63-88 months in prison. Some of Hudson's prior convictions include multiple counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and larceny of a motor vehicle.

When called for trial, Samuel Jones, 46, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Sumner sentenced Jones to 23-40 months in prison.

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