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## **Guilty verdict sends man to prison for armed robbery spree**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who committed a series of robberies was recently convicted by a jury and sent to prison. The trial, which was led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team, was held February 3-12, 2020, before The Honorable Donnie Hoover, Superior Court Judge. During the trial session, another three defendants entered guilty pleas.

Carlos Burch, 22, was tried for 1) three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) four counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) three counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) felony flee to elude arrest and 5) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. The jury found Burch *guilty* as charged. Judge Hoover sentenced Burch to a total of 336-452 months in prison. Judge Hoover authorized Burch to be eligible for advanced supervised release after he serves a minimum of 204 months in prison.

Lauren Torrance, 26, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Torrance was sentenced to 15-30 months in prison.

Marlon Woods, 22, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Woods was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison.

Hezekiah Hairston, 19, pled guilty to 1) two counts of common law robbery and 2) felony breaking or entering. Hairston was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

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