

# NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray  
District Attorney

February 24, 2015

## Juries convict 2 defendants of drug charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries recently convicted two defendants of drug offenses, and a third defendant pled guilty before his case was called for trial. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team prosecuted the defendants February 9-20, 2015, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, The Honorable Robert T. Sumner and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges.

Cleveland Pegues, 30, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Pegues to 8-19 months in prison.

Kendrick Lyles, 23, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor possession of marijuana, and the jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Hayes sentenced Lyles to 20 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Lyles must serve 2 days in jail.

Everett Connor, 27, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Connor was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Connor must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

*Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com). For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/charmeckda](http://www.facebook.com/charmeckda) and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.*

// End //