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Jury convicts man of selling cocaine to undercover officer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – At the conclusion of a recent trial led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team, a jury convicted a man of selling cocaine to an undercover detective in a Charlotte restaurant parking lot. The trial was held February 17-27, 2020, before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

James Campbell, 30, was tried for three counts of trafficking in cocaine. A jury found Campbell *guilty* of the lesser-included offenses of sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine. The jury found him *not guilty* of one count of trafficking in cocaine. Judge Caldwell sentenced Campbell to 13-25 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

On February 7, 2018, an undercover detective with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit called Campbell and arranged to purchase \$1,450 worth of cocaine. Campbell and the detective agreed to meet at a restaurant on Pineville-Matthews Road in Charlotte. That afternoon, Campbell arrived at the location and entered the detective's unmarked vehicle. Campbell first attempted to persuade the detective to snort some of the cocaine to prove he was truly a cocaine user. When the detective refused, Campbell exited the detective's vehicle and then briefly went inside a nearby car and the restaurant. Campbell then returned and sold cocaine to the detective for \$1,400.

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