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Man who shot school bus convicted, sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted two defendants during its latest court session. The proceedings were held February 24-28, 2020, in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Nelson Handy, 30, pled guilty to 1) discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced Handy to 84-133 months in prison. Around 7:30 a.m. on October 12, 2017, Handy pulled into a gas station at the corner of The Plaza and Parkwood Avenue in Charlotte. After entering the gas station and paying for his gas, he returned to his vehicle to fill up his gas tank. While Handy was standing next to his vehicle, Jimmy Alexander pulled up in a vehicle on the opposite side of the gas pump. As Alexander walked around the gas pump, Handy saw him, and the pair had a heated conversation. Alexander produced a firearm and attempted to shoot Handy multiple times. One of Alexander's shots struck a vehicle that was parked in front of the gas station and had one occupant. Handy began to run away, and Alexander returned to his vehicle and sped off. As Alexander drove away, Handy went to his vehicle and pulled out a gun. Handy shot at Alexander multiple times. One of his shots struck a passing school bus. A bus driver and 19 children were on board, and fortunately, no one was injured. The next day, as police attempted to apprehend Handy, he fled from officers in his car, reaching speeds up to 100 mph in residential areas and weaving in and out of traffic. Officers lost sight of the vehicle briefly but located the vehicle and Handy a few minutes later. Alexander previously pled guilty in connection with this case.

Kelvin Graham, 35, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Bell sentenced Graham to 38-58 months in prison. Graham's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, forgery and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

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