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Violent Crimes Team tries 2 defendants; 3 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team recently tried two defendants before juries. Three other defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held March 19-27, 2018, in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

Imhotep Iyapo, 52, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) first-degree burglary. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Bridges dismissed the burglary charge. The jury found Iyapo *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Bridges sentenced Iyapo to 35-54 months in prison.

Khary Waters, 43, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Malcolm Murphy, 22, pled guilty to 1) two counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling. Murphy was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison.

Devonte Stevenson, 25, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Stevenson was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison.

Edward English, 19, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 3) possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. English was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. English was also ordered to serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail if he is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation after 6 months.

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