

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Juries convict 3 of robbery, assault offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County juries convicted two men of armed robbery offenses, and another jury convicted a man of an assault charge during the week of March 25, 2019. Three other defendants prosecuted by the District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team entered guilty pleas during the proceedings, which were held in courtrooms 5110, 5170 and 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, The Honorable David A. Phillips and The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judges.

Devantee Reaves-Smith, 25, was tried for 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Eady-Williams dismissed the charge of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found Reaves-Smith *guilty* of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 43-64 months in prison. In December 2016, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer responded to the sound of a gunshot on Arrowood Road. Shortly thereafter, he encountered the victim, who gave him a description of two suspects who held him at gunpoint and shot at him. Nearby, police saw two suspects who fit the descriptions provided by the victim, and the suspects began running. Police apprehended Reaves-Smith, and the victim identified him as one of the two suspects who held him at gunpoint. Reaves-Smith was wearing a ski mask when he ran from police, and he was caught with 80 rounds of live .22 caliber ammunition in a book bag he was wearing.

Dontavius Newton, 22, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found Newton *guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon and *not guilty* of the conspiracy offense. Judge Hayes sentenced Newton to 84-113 months in prison.

Christopher Bowden, 21, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. The jury found Bowden *not guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon and *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Phillips sentenced Bowden to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, the maximum sentence provided by law for this defendant.

Chance Patterson, 18, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) two counts of assault by pointing a gun. Judge Hayes sentenced Patterson to 59-83 months in prison.

Nicholas Williams, 29, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Hayes sentenced Williams to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Williams must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Tyreese Beasley, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Beasley must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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