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Jury convicts woman of embezzlement, 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 22, 2019, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted five defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. One was tried before a jury, and four others pled guilty before their matters were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Rachele Renfrew, 33, was tried for 1) embezzlement and 2) corporate malfeasance. The jury found her *guilty* as charged. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Renfrew to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of unsupervised probation. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$38,000. Renfrew was an event planner with Wells Fargo, tasked with planning company events aimed at educating and assisting bank customers who were on the verge of defaulting on their mortgages. She used an internal company credit card to pay for penthouse suites, plane tickets and rental cars for her personal trips, and to pay more than \$13,000 for catering for a private neighborhood holiday party.

Kaneeka Lowery, 23, pled guilty to felony larceny. She was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Raekwon Gales, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny of a firearm. He was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Gales must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Makenzie Harris, 19, pled guilty to felony receiving stolen property. Harris was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Walter Meeks, 18, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He will be sentenced at a later date.

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