

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 4 during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 28, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried one defendant and convicted three others who pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge.

Alphonso Ford was tried for 1) conspiracy to deliver cocaine, 2) conspiracy to sell cocaine, 3) delivery of cocaine, 4) sale of cocaine, 5) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver, 6) possession of drug paraphernalia and 7) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found Ford *guilty* of possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Poovey sentenced Ford to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Eddie Horne, Jr., 29, was charged with 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Poovey granted the defendant's motion, and the case was dismissed.

Two other defendants also filed motions to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of their legal rights. Judge Poovey denied those motions following testimony and arguments from the Assistant District Attorney and the defense. The cases will proceed to trial at a later date.

The following three defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Jonquan Young, 31, pled guilty to possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver. Young was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Stephen Perkins, 37, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Perkins was sentenced to 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Corey Jones, 27, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Jones was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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