

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team tries 3 defendants; 2 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried three defendants during the week of April 24, 2017. Two other defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Stanley L. Allen, Superior Court Judges.

John Middleton, 24, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Allen sentenced Middleton to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jarvis Reed, 28, was tried for 1) felony possession of marijuana and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found Reed *not guilty* of possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charge of felony possession of marijuana. As a result, Judge Levinson declared a mistrial as to that charge.

Melvin McIntyre, 31, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession, 2) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver, 3) possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver, 4) felony possession of marijuana, 5) possession of drug paraphernalia and 6) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Stephen Mackey, 31, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Allen sentenced Mackey to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Mohammed Salah, 24, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Levinson sentenced Salah to 12 months of supervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

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