

# NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray  
District Attorney

May 27, 2014

## Crimes Against Property Team tries 3 defendants; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried three defendants May 19-23, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Over the course of the week, another defendant pled guilty before his case was called for trial, and the team also made arguments in regards to two motions filed by a defendant. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Janet Alvarez, 52, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. The jury found Alvarez *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Alvarez to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Alvarez's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Shaheed Leftwich, 37, was tried for driving while impaired. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Bell sentenced Leftwich to 6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Leftwich's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Leftwich must serve 7 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Min Cordero, 22, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Javonte Fox, 25, pled guilty to two counts of identity theft. Judge Bell sentenced Fox to 26-50 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Fox's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Fox must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

One defendant filed two motions to suppress evidence from being used at trial, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. One was a motion to suppress evidence obtained by law enforcement during a search, and the other was a motion to suppress a witness' identification of the defendant. After testimony and arguments from both the Assistant District Attorney and the defense, Judge Poovey granted one motion and denied the other. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

*Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com). For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/charmeckda](http://www.facebook.com/charmeckda) and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.*

// End //

