

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 4 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team recently tried two defendants and convicted three others who entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held May 29-June 1, 2018, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.

Jerome Planter, 27, was tried for 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 2) larceny of a motor vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. A jury found Planter *guilty* of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and *not guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle. Upon the jury's verdict, Planter pled guilty to another count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Planter then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced Planter to 59-83 months in prison. Planter's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Andre Graves, 37, was tried for 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charge of assault inflicting serious bodily injury. As a result, Judge Evans declared a mistrial, and the State could not proceed on the charge of being a habitual felon.

Johnnie Coleman, 36, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Evans sentenced Coleman to 70-93 months in prison. Coleman's prior convictions include possession of cocaine, felony carrying a concealed weapon and trafficking in cocaine.

Jaron Sturdivant, 39, pled guilty to 1) three counts of sale of heroin, 2) three counts of delivering heroin, 3) three counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced Sturdivant to 60-84 months in prison. Sturdivant's prior convictions include felony possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and trafficking in opium or heroin.

Ramee Al-Amin, 61, pled guilty to felony larceny. Judge Viser sentenced Al-amin to 16-29 months in prison.

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