

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 defendants of property crimes; 5 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual thief and a man who committed a break-in were convicted by Mecklenburg County juries during the week of June 5, 2017. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings, which were led by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, were held in courtrooms 5370 and 5110 before The Honorable J. Thomas Davis and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges.

Lisa Colbert, 50, was tried for 1) felony habitual misdemeanor larceny and 2) felony conspiracy to commit larceny. After a jury was selected and impaneled, Colbert failed to return to court as the presentation of evidence began. At the close of all the evidence, Judge Davis dismissed the conspiracy to commit larceny charge. The jury then found Colbert *guilty* of felony habitual misdemeanor larceny. Judge Davis issued an order for Colbert's arrest. She will be sentenced when she is taken into custody.

Edmund Reid, 23, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found Reid *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering and *not guilty* of larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Davis sentenced Reid to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

When called for trial, Andrae Jackson, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Davis sentenced Jackson to 10-21 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. In September 2015, a manager of a Firehouse Subs restaurant in Charlotte discovered that money was missing from the deposit safe in the back of the restaurant. After the manager reviewed the surveillance footage, he was able to identify Jackson as the person who entered through the back door, opened the safe and then left the restaurant. Jackson had previously worked at the restaurant prior to being fired but never returned his key to the manager.

Yolanda Brevard, 48, pled guilty to obtaining property by false pretenses. Judge Davis sentenced Brevard to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Brevard must perform 72 hours of community service.

Davachea Littlejohn, 26, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Judge Davis sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24

months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Littlejohn must serve 27 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Tanya Lewis, 44, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor larceny. Judge Davis sentenced Lewis to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Lewis must participate in either mental health or drug treatment courts and comply with all treatment requirements of the program.

Tevon Powell, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) possession of burglary tools. Judge Caldwell sentenced Powell to a total of 12-42 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Another defendant filed a motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing arguments from both an Assistant District Attorney and the defense, Judge Davis granted the defendant's motion. The case will be scheduled for trial at a later date.

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