

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team tries 3 defendants; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Working in three Mecklenburg County Superior Court courtrooms, the District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried three defendants during the week of June 13, 2016. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. Among those convicted was a rapist who was sentenced to a minimum of 82 years in prison. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt, Superior Court Judges.

Derek Antonio Smith, Jr., 26, was tried for 1) first-degree rape, 2) two counts of first-degree sexual offense, 3) felony breaking or entering, 4) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 5) first-degree kidnapping, 6) larceny of a motor vehicle and 7) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. The jury found him *guilty* of first-degree rape, two counts of first-degree sexual offense, felony breaking or entering, the lesser-included offense of common law robbery, first-degree kidnapping and felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. The jury found him *not guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge Caldwell sentenced Smith to a total of 988-1,395 months in prison. [Click here](#) for more information about this case.

Julio Rodriguez, 49, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced Rodriguez to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

George Theophile Walker, III, 73, was tried for 1) three counts of indecent liberties with a child and 2) three counts of sexual offense with a child. Judge Hunt declared a mistrial when the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Lonnie Robinson, 18, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced Robinson to 51-74 months in prison.

Terry Lewis Houston, 25, pled guilty to 1) accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of cocaine. Houston also admitted to violating his probation for a previous offense. Judge Lewis sentenced Houston to 13-25 months in prison.

Cameron Lamar McVay, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Lewis sentenced McVay to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, McVay must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Robert Jamarus Miller, 24, pled guilty to felony carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Lewis sentenced Miller to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Tyreze Witherspoon, 19, pled guilty to larceny from the person. Judge Lewis sentenced Witherspoon to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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