

NEWS RELEASE

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6 convicted of property crimes during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted six defendants June 23-27, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The team tried two defendants, and five others pled guilty. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges.

Candace McCullough, 28, was tried for 1) five counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) felony larceny of a motor vehicle, 3) possession of a stolen vehicle, 4) larceny of a firearm, 5) felony larceny, 6) two counts of misdemeanor larceny and 7) felony conspiracy. The jury found McCullough *guilty* of possession of a stolen vehicle, and the jury found her *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Bridges sentenced McCullough to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending McCullough's successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of her probation, McCullough must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Thomas Cooney, 20, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) possession of stolen goods and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Caldwell dismissed the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon at the close of the State's evidence, and the jury returned verdicts of *not guilty* for the remaining charges.

Jill Taylor, 49, pled guilty to 1) embezzlement greater than \$100,000 and 2) corporate malfeasance. Taylor was sentenced to 44-62 months in prison.

Tony Carthran, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a stolen vehicle, 3) felony conspiracy, 4) felony hit and run and 5) driving with no operator's license. Carthran was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Steven Lawing, 26, pled guilty to felony attempted breaking or entering. Lawing was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Lawing's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Lawing must pay \$1,244.66 in restitution.

Riley Monroe, 44, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Monroe was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

Carlos Davis, 28, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Davis was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending Davis' successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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