

NEWS RELEASE

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Trial, motion, and guilty pleas during shortened drug trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Beginning on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, and ending on Friday, July 13, 2012, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team prosecuted six defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trial week was scheduled to begin on Monday, July 9, but a homicide trial had not yet concluded. These cases were called before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5370.

Dominique Smith, 28, was tried before a jury for one count of possession of cocaine. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict; as a result, the case has been dismissed.

Randall Brice, 39, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Levinson has taken the motion under advisement and will issue a ruling at a later date.

Four defendants pled guilty when their cases were called for trial:

David Glenn, 38, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Levinson sentenced Glenn to 9-11 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Glenn's successful completion of 26 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Glenn must serve 6 months of intensive probation.

Shakila Mason, 30, pled guilty to possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Levinson sentenced Mason to 5-6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Mason's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of her conditions of probation, Mason must serve 10 days in the county jail.

Ralph Jordan, 51, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Levinson sentenced Jordan to 5-6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Jordan's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Jordan must serve 12 days in the county jail.

Elizabeth Stroud, 44, pled guilty to felony possession of cocaine. Judge Levinson sentenced Stroud to 4-5 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Stroud's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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