

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Crimes Against Property Team convicts 3 at trial, 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted three defendants at trial during the week of July 15, 2013. Another five defendants pled guilty to property crimes. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5370 and 5130 before The Honorable James W. Morgan and The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judges.

Alando Walter, 21, was tried for 1) felony larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) felony possession of a stolen vehicle and 3) misdemeanor resisting a public officer. The jury found Walter *guilty* of possession of a stolen vehicle and resisting a public officer. The jury found him *not guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge Morgan sentenced Walter to 9-20 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$403.27 in restitution to the victim. In September 2012, the victim's car was stolen from a driveway after she started the car and then went inside while it warmed up. The victim and a friend then got into another car, pursued the stolen vehicle and called Charlotte-Mecklenburg police, informing officers of their location. When officers joined the pursuit, they saw the driver lose control on North Tryon Street and saw Walter jump out of the driver's seat and run. Officers chased Walter, who was soon apprehended.



Alando Walter

Darius Hyatt, 20, was tried for 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of felony larceny, 3) two counts of felony conspiracy to commit breaking or entering and 4) two counts of felony possession of stolen goods. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* for the charges of felony larceny, as well as the lesser-included offenses of misdemeanor breaking or entering, misdemeanor conspiracy and two counts of misdemeanor possession stolen goods. Judge Morgan sentenced Hyatt to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Hyatt must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and pay the victim \$1,032 in restitution.

Shawntel Giddings, 32, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering and larceny, 4) felony possession of a stolen vehicle and 5) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* on the charges of possession of a stolen vehicle and possession stolen goods. The jury found him *not guilty* on the remaining charges. Judge Levinson sentenced Giddings to a total of 10-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Giddings must serve 40 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and complete 36 hours of community service.

Among the five defendants who pled guilty were:

Rakeem Robertson, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Morgan sentenced Robertson to 20-36 months in prison.

Remondo Gutierrez, 40, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Morgan sentenced Gutierrez to 5-6 months in prison.

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