

NEWS RELEASE

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Cocaine trafficker convicted at trial; heroin trafficker pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted four defendants the week of July 23, 2018, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in front of The Honorable Joseph N. Crosswhite, Superior Court Judge, and The Honorable Mark E. Powell, Superior Court Judge.

Kenneth Douglas, 38, was charged with 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession, 2) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver, 3) possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell and deliver, 4) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 5) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. On April 27, 2016, officers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a car that Douglas was driving. After searching the car, officers found a small amount of cocaine and \$680 cash. Douglas' residence was also searched, leading officers to over 29 grams of cocaine and 40 pills of methamphetamine. The jury found Douglas *guilty* of all charges. Judge Crosswhite sentenced Douglas to 35-51 months in prison. Additionally, Judge Crosswhite sentenced Douglas to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Douglas' successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Eng Ng, 41, was charged with 1) possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell and deliver and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found Ng *not guilty*.

Two defendants pled guilty before their cases were called to trial:

Jeremy Skolaut, 28, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. On April 11, 2017, detectives with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a car that Skolaut was driving. As a result of the investigation, detectives seized over 280 grams of heroin. Judge Crosswhite sentenced Skolaut to 90-120 months in prison.

Mandella Wolfe, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell and deliver. Judge Crosswhite sentenced Wolfe to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Wolfe's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a special condition of his probation, Wolfe must serve 180 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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