

NEWS RELEASE

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Seven criminals convicted of property offenses; one sex offender convicted

CHARLOTTE, NC – The District Attorney's Office convicted seven defendants for various property crimes against the citizens of Mecklenburg County during the week of August 1, 2011.

A jury in Courtroom 5150 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse found Darius L. Sutton, 19, *guilty* of felony possession of a stolen vehicle. The Honorable Tanya T. Wallace, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Cunningham to 8-10 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

After pre-trial motions, defendant James Cotton, 43, pled *guilty* to first degree burglary. Judge Wallace sentenced Cotton to 107-138 months in prison.

When called for trial, Jamario McNeely, 17, pled *guilty* as charged to the following felonies: 1) breaking and entering and 2) larceny after breaking and entering. All of these charges stemmed from a residential break-in last year. Judge Wallace sentenced McNeely to 6-8 months in prison.

Melanie McAlpine, 31, pled guilty as charged to felony larceny by disabling anti-inventory device and misdemeanor larceny. She was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison by Judge Wallace. That sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Reginald Odum, 29 pled *guilty* to misdemeanor larceny, and Judge Wallace sentenced him to 120 days in jail. That sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Clinton Marsh, 30, pled *guilty* as charged to failure to register as a sex offender, and was sentenced to 21-36 months in prison by Judge Wallace. His sentence was suspended pending successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Marsh must serve 30 days in the county jail.

Lashanna Washington, 20, pled *guilty* to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods, and Judge Wallace sentenced her to 45 days in jail. That sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

Judge Wallace sentenced Bernard Williams, 19, to 6-8 months in prison after he pled *guilty* to two counts of Felonious Breaking or Entering. That sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As part of his probation, Williams must serve 23 days in the county jail and pay restitution to the victim.

The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge, presided in Courtroom 5370 for the week of August 1, 2011. A homicide trial from the previous week carried over and jury deliberations began Tuesday morning. On Tuesday afternoon, while the homicide jury was deliberating, the State called defendant Demarquis Davis, 30, for trial on charges of: (1) breaking or entering, (2) larceny after breaking or entering, and (3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found Davis *not guilty* of all offenses.

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