

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Crimes Against Persons Team tries three defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Crimes Against Persons Team called three (3) cases for trial during the week of August 24, 2012, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, and in courtroom 5370 in front of The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge. The trials included:

Brett Bowers, 27, was tried on a charge of attempted common law robbery. The jury could not agree on a unanimous verdict and Judge Levinson declared a mistrial.

Lavon Thomas, 40, was tried on charges of 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) assault by pointing a gun. Thomas was found *not guilty* by the jury.

Tamarlo Hall, 30, was tried on charges of 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Hall was found *not guilty* by the jury.

Five other defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial, including:

Shelton Locklear, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Levinson sentenced Locklear to 29-44 months in prison.

Carlos Jordan, 42, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Levinson sentenced Jordan to 16-20 months in prison.

Steven Martin, 25, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Judge Boner sentenced Martin to 44-62 months in prison.

Darryl Mills, 23, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) larceny of a firearm, 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 4) felony flee to elude arrest and 5) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Levinson sentenced Mills to 48-58 months in prison.

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