

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 defendants of drug crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County juries convicted two defendants, including a heroin trafficker, during the week of August 21, 2017. The District Attorney's Drug Team also convicted another defendant who pled guilty before his case was called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges.

Pavel Shchetinin, 48, was tried for 1) trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) possession of methamphetamine and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found Shchetinin *guilty* as charged. Judge Levinson sentenced Shchetinin to 70-93 months in prison.

Deangelo Wright, 23, was tried for 1) attempted sale of marijuana, 2) attempted delivery of marijuana, 3) two counts of possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver, 4) possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia, 5) sale of marijuana and 6) delivery of marijuana. The jury found Wright *guilty* of attempted sale of marijuana, attempted delivery of marijuana, one count of possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver and possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Foust sentenced Wright to 12-24 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Wright's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Wright must perform 30 hours of community service.

Taylor Richardson, 31, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Levinson continued judgment upon the payment of court costs.

One defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Levinson, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, will issue a ruling at a later time.

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