

NEWS RELEASE

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Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicts Habitual Impaired Driver

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Misdemeanor Appeals Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 for the week of August 27, 2012 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge. Matters were also handled in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge.

Monday was designated as an administrative day in courtroom 5170. In the morning, the State called the trial calendar for the week. Then the court heard felony probation violation probable cause hearings and arraignments for misdemeanor appeals cases.

The following trials, motions, pleas, and remands were done throughout the week:

Kathleen Baker Buntyn, 65, was tried for driving while impaired. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Foust sentenced Buntyn to 48 hours in the county jail; that sentence is suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months unsupervised probation.

Patrick Lynn Edwards, Jr., 26, pled guilty to habitual impaired driving. Judge Foust sentenced Edwards to 15 to 18 months in prison.

Joshua Bullock, 24, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Williamson sentenced Bullock to 45 days in the county jail.

Joseph Matthew Sardo, 45, pled guilty to interference with emergency communication. Judge Williamson sentenced Sardo to 30 days in the county jail; that sentence is suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months supervised probation.

Nicholas Edward Plath, 32, pled guilty to driving while impaired. Judge Williamson sentenced Plath to 120 days in the county jail; that sentence is suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months unsupervised probation.

Martin Armstrong, 24, pled guilty to driving while license revoked. Judge Foust sentenced Armstrong to 120 days in the county jail; that sentence is suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Armstrong must serve 30 days in the county jail.

In addition, Gregory Tillery, 24, and George Hill, 35, were convicted of driving while impaired when they remanded their cases for sentencing in district court.

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