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Habitual Felon Team sends five defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted five defendants during a recent trial week. The proceedings were held from August 27-31, 2018, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable David A. Phillips, Superior Court Judges.

Freddie Patrick, 61, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Patrick *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Patrick then admitted to being a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Patrick to 50-72 months in prison. Some of Patrick's prior convictions include three prior counts of possession of cocaine.

Raheem Taylor, 45, filed a motion to dismiss his charges alleging violations of his constitutional rights. Judge Phillips, who heard arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, denied the motion. Taylor then pled *guilty* to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Phillips sentenced Taylor to 33-49 months in prison.

Nelson Handy, 29, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Handy *not guilty*.

Michael Wallace, 26, pled *guilty* to 1) selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Wallace to 59-83 months in prison. Some of Wallace's prior convictions include selling or delivering a counterfeit controlled substance, delivering marijuana and felony breaking or entering.

James Edward Moise, 58, pled *guilty* to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Phillips sentenced Moise to 12-24 months in prison.

Ebun Wynn, 28, pled *guilty* to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge Phillips sentenced Wynn to 11-23 months in prison followed by a 24 month period of supervised probation.

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