

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team tries 4 defendants; 7 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried four defendants before juries September 11-15, 2017. Another seven defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110, 5130 and 5370 before The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, The Honorable Linwood O. Foust and The Honorable Casey M. Viser, Superior Court Judges.

Robert Alfred Wilson, III, 39, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The jury found him *guilty*. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Wilson to 29-47 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Wilson will be placed on house arrest for 6 months.

DeJuan Evans, 27, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Foust declared a mistrial when the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Robert McKinstry, 32, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Daniel Moore, 27, was tried for 1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Pomeroy dismissed one count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The jury found Moore *not guilty* of the remaining charges.

The State called Penny Archie, 20, for trial for the charges of 1) felony possession of a gun on educational property, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana and 4) possession of drug paraphernalia. After a jury was selected, Archie pled guilty as charged. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Archie to 24 months of supervised probation and authorized a conditional discharge of the offense pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341 and N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

Steven Blackwell, 27, pled guilty to 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Blackwell to 51-74 months in prison.

Michael McGinnis, 30, pled guilty to 1) second-degree sex offense, 2) first-degree burglary and 3) sexual battery. Judge Pomeroy sentenced McGinnis to 44-113 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, McGinnis must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jacorian Neal, 17, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) felony flee to elude arrest and 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Viser sentenced Neal to 38-58 months in prison.

Keeshon Bennett, 20, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Foust sentenced Bennett to 20-36 months in prison.

Aldrick Taylor, 19, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Taylor to 40-72 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Taylor must serve 360 days in custody. Upon his release from custody, Taylor must wear an electronic monitor for 120 days.

Terry Jackson, 47, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) driving while impaired. Judge Viser sentenced Jackson to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jackson must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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