

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Property Team tries 3 defendants; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team recently tried three defendants and convicted four others who entered guilty pleas. Among those convicted were a man who pawned stolen jewelry and a man who broke into a Charlotte home while wearing an electronic monitor. The proceedings were held during the week of September 21, 2015, in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie and The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, Superior Court Judges.

Jacob Wessel, 20, was tried for three counts of felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Wessel to a total of 15-45 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation for each charge. In March 2014, the victim realized that several valuable jewelry items were missing from her Cornelius home. Police discovered that Wessel had pawned the items at local pawn shops. Wessel had been allowed in the victim's home, but the victim did not authorize him to take the items.

Anterrio Goodwin, 25, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found him *guilty* of the possession of stolen goods charge and *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Archie sentenced Goodwin to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Goodwin must serve 10 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Dwanez Hopkins, 18, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Trequan Davis, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison. In October 2014, the victim returned to his home to find that a window had been pried open and that several items – including a laptop computer, a television, an Xbox gaming system, video games and jewelry – were missing. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police determined that Davis, who was wearing an electronic monitoring device, was at the scene of the crime on the day of the break-in, and neighbors told police they saw Davis walking down the street with a laptop tucked under his arm.

Devonte Fowler, 21, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Devion McCoy, 24, pled guilty to three counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 12-34 months in prison.

Barry Hill, 43, pled guilty to simple assault. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

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