

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team tries 1 defendant; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried one defendant and convicted four others who pled guilty September 24-26, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Martin B. McGee, Superior Court Judge.

Wendell McCain, 25, was tried for 1) sale of marijuana, 2) delivery of marijuana and 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

The following defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Taylor Richardson, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of heroin, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Richardson was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Richardson must serve 88 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Brandon McGarity, 41, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. McGarity was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, McGarity must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Brandon Forman, 25, pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. Forman was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Edward Moore, 31, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Moore was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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