

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts 9 of gun, robbery offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted nine defendants of firearm and robbery crimes during the week of September 23, 2019. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Donnie Hoover and The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Jaylen Lesane, 20, was tried for robbery with a dangerous weapon. After a three-day trial, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. As a result, Judge Hoover declared a mistrial.

Sanquan Byers, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony larceny. Judge Hoover sentenced Byers to 17-30 months in prison.

Joshua Koiyan, 20, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Bell sentenced Koiyan to 16-29 months in prison. That sentence is to run concurrently with a prison sentence Koiyan is currently serving.

Steven Wheeler, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Bell sentenced Wheeler to 14-26 months in prison.

Keeshon Bennett, 22, pled guilty to 1) larceny from the person and 2) assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Hoover sentenced Bennett to 8-19 months in prison.

Dwayne Brown, Jr., 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) two counts of felony larceny, 3) five counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge Hoover sentenced Brown to 6-17 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Jamarcus Henighan, 24, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit common law robbery and 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Hoover sentenced Henighan to 6-17 months in prison.

Tyquan Cureton, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Hoover sentenced Cureton to 24-40 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Cureton must serve 84 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Trevonte House, 27, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge Bell sentenced House 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, House must serve 26 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Darian Huffman, 26, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge Bell sentenced Huffman 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, Huffman must serve 1 day in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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