

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts oxycodone trafficker; another defendant pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Two defendants, including an oxycodone trafficker who attempted to have a fraudulent prescription filled, were recently tried before juries. Another defendant entered a guilty plea before his case was called for trial. The defendants were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team, and the proceedings were held during the week of October 23, 2017, before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert and The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, Superior Court Judges.

Travis Ryan Young, 30, was tried for 1) trafficking in oxycodone by possession and 2) attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. The jury found Young *guilty* as charged. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Young to 70-93 months in prison. In December 2015, Young entered a local pharmacy and attempted to get a fraudulent prescription filled. The pharmacist noticed the fraudulent prescription and contacted Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. When officers arrived and arrested Young, they found more than 4 grams of oxycodone in Young's possession.

Jamie Briggs, 25, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, and as a result, Judge Pomeroy declared a mistrial. The case will be scheduled for retrial at a later date.

Kenneth Brown, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) resisting a public officer. Judge Pomeroy sentenced Brown to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Another defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Kuehnert, who heard arguments from both the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the motion. The case will be scheduled for trial at a later date.

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