

NEWS RELEASE

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Man who stole car off of a trailer among 3 convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A defendant who broke into a Charlotte home and another who stole a car were recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. The team prosecuted cases during the week of October 26, 2015, in courtrooms 5150 and 5130 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell and The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judges.

Damien Furniss, 17, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found him *guilty* of the breaking or entering charge and *not guilty* of the larceny charge. Judge Levinson sentenced Furniss to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 23 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Furniss must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. In August 2014, the victim, who was in the process of relocating to Georgia, returned to her North Charlotte residence to find that her front door was ajar. Upon entering, she noticed that a television, a laptop, a BB gun, and a Wii gaming system were missing. A witness notified police that she had seen Furniss around the victim's property, holding a BB gun. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers interviewed Furniss after his arrest and he admitted to entering the victim's residence.

Richard Tucker, 50, was tried for fifteen counts of felony larceny by employee. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Rachel Foster, 30, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found her *not guilty*.

Daquarius Phillips, 24, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor larceny and 2) misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Andre Law, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny of a motor vehicle and 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. In October 2014, the victim's car, which had been loaded on a tractor trailer in preparation to be shipped, was stolen. Three days later, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers found Law in possession of the car. During an interview with police, Law admitted to removing the car from the trailer.

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