

NEWS RELEASE

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Trials, guilty pleas lead to convictions of child molester, felons with guns

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A child molester and felons in illegal possession of guns were among the seven defendants convicted during the Crimes Against Persons Team's most recent trial week. The proceedings were held during the week of October 12, 2015, before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Kendrick Barnette, 19, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty*. Judge Lisa C. Bell sentenced Barnette to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Barnette must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

After five people had testified in the trial of Andrew Hostetler, 34, the defendant pled guilty as charged to 1) two counts of rape of a child, 2) four counts of sexual offense with a child, 3) incest and 4) two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge W. Robert Bell sentenced Hostetler to three consecutive sentences of 300-369 months in prison, totaling a minimum of 75 years in prison. [Click here](#) for more information about the case.

Christopher Floyd, 29, was tried for two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found Floyd *not guilty*.

Prior to being called for trial, the following five defendants pled guilty:

Cederic Kirkland, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver a counterfeit controlled substance. Kirkland was sentenced to 57-90 months in prison.

Jermaine Allston, 27, pled guilty to 1) two counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied building and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin. Allston was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Dominique Bradley, 26, pled guilty to 1) burning personal property, 2) interference with an emergency communication, 3) misdemeanor child abuse and 4) assault on a female. Bradley was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Bradley's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Bradley must serve 26 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Demetrius Jones, 20, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. Jones was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Jones' successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jones must serve 80 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Preston Whitworth, 18, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) attempted common law robbery and 3) conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Whitworth was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Whitworth's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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