

NEWS RELEASE

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Defendant flees before jury's guilty verdict; another defendant pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – One defendant was convicted of property crimes at trial and another pled guilty during the week of November 17, 2014. The cases were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team in courtrooms 5130 and 5170 before The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards and The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judges.

Marcus Seegars, 23, was tried for 1) first-degree burglary, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony possession of stolen property. The jury found him *guilty* of the felony larceny and felony possession of stolen property charges and *not guilty* of first-degree burglary. Seegars was not present when the jury returned its verdicts because he failed to return to the courtroom following a court recess. Judge Edwards issued an order for his arrest, and police are searching for him. Seegars will be sentenced when he is apprehended. The charges arose from a December 2012 incident in which the victim awoke to a loud noise in his home and saw two intruders, who ran away when they realized they'd been discovered. When police arrived, they found the victim's television just past a fence on the victim's property. Fingerprints found on the television matched that of Seegars.

Gage Stitt, 25, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) felony possession of stolen property and 4) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Stitt was sentenced to 36-56 months in prison and ordered to pay \$516.99 in restitution.

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