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DA's Habitual Felon Team leads trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Continuing their work to hold accountable offenders who have repeatedly threatened the safety of the community, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted four defendants during a recent trial session. The trial proceedings, as well as one guilty plea, were held in courtroom 5370 during the week of October 4, 2021, before The Honorable Casey M. Viser, Superior Court Judge. Two defendants on the trial session docket entered guilty pleas the week before. Those proceedings were held before The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Donald Patterson, 51, was tried for 1) larceny from the person, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, and 3) misdemeanor larceny. The jury found him *guilty* as charged, and Patterson then admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced him to 77-105 months in prison.

Sigmond Williams, 41, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A jury found him *not quilty*.

Vincent Sowell, Jr., 31, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced him to 88-118 months in prison.

Steven Cureton, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, 2) obtaining property by false pretense, 3) possession of a controlled substance on jail premises, 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 5) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to a total of 77-114 months in prison.

Larry Moore, 35, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Judge Bell sentenced him to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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