

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Violent Crimes Team tries 2 defendants; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a two-week trial session, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried two defendants before juries. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The trial session was held December 6-17, 2021, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Prince Tribble, 29, was tried for 1) possession of a stolen firearm, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) possession of a weapon of mass destruction. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Ervin then sentenced Tribble to a total of 34-60 months in prison.

Daniel Parker, 25, was tried for malicious conduct by a prisoner. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Ervin sentenced him to 16-29 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 120 days in custody.

Romello Dawkins, 26, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Emmanuel Simpson, 21, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) felony possession of stolen goods, and 3) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison.

Grant Harden, 24, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Harden must serve 74 days in custody.

When called for trial, Bobby Bankhead, 28, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Shadarius Thompson, 31, pled guilty to 1) three counts of malicious conduct by a prisoner, 2) misdemeanor larceny, 3) resisting a public officer, 4) assault by strangulation, and 5) assault inflicting physical injury on a law enforcement officer. He was sentenced to a total of 31-56 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Thompson must serve 175 days in custody, perform 60 hours of community service, and continue substance abuse treatment.

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