

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team leads two-week trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a two-week trial session, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried three defendants. Another eight defendants, including one charged in a homicide case, entered guilty pleas. During the week of February 28, 2022, the proceedings were held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge. During the week of March 7, 2022, proceedings were held in courtrooms 5370 and 5110 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell and The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judges.

When Danneil Hughes, 26, was called for trial, he pled guilty to 1) three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Bell sentenced Hughes to a total of 96-140 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 19-32 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation, which is to be served after the completion of his prison sentence. In October 2018, Hughes and another man conspired to rob three convenience stores. They held clerks at gunpoint and stole money at three stores: two convenience stores on Monroe Road in Charlotte, as well as a convenience store on West John Street in Matthews. Hughes was identified as a suspect after the vehicle that had been used in the robberies was involved in a crash in Lancaster, South Carolina about 30 minutes after the last robbery. Hughes' co-conspirator, the driver, died as a result of the wreck.

De'quan Lynn, 21, was tried for 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 2) four counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation, and 3) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. The jury found him *not guilty* of one count of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. The jury found him *guilty* of all remaining charges. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Lynn to 51-74 months in prison.

Jerreyl Adams, 32, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. As a result, Judge Bell declared a mistrial.

Joseph Conner, 32, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Jalen Boulware, 22, filed a motion to suppress his statement. But before the motion was heard before the court, Boulware decided to enter a guilty plea. He pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Bell sentenced him to 130-168 months in prison.

Dorien Martin, 21, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary, 2) larceny after felony breaking or entering, 3) common law robbery, 4) assault on a female, 5) battery of an unborn child, 6) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 7) misdemeanor possession of marijuana, 8) larceny of a motor vehicle, and 9) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He also admitted to violating his probation for a prior offense. Judge Bell sentenced him to a total of 90-149 months in prison.

When called for trial, Davon Watlington, 27, pled guilty as charged to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) attempted common law robbery, and 4) resisting a public officer. Judge Bell sentenced him to 44-65 months in prison.

Daniel Flores-Gutierrez, 19, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, 3) possession of a handgun by a minor, 4) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 4) assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 40-60 months in prison.

Carlos Cabrera Tabora, 22, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 38-58 months in prison.

When Klam Lamar, 25, was called for trial, he pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Lamar must serve 6 days in custody.

When called for trial, Kory Stinson, 33, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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