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DA's prosecution teams lead trial sessions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of the last month, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's prosecution teams have been working diligently in trial in Superior Court. Among those convicted during the trial sessions were fentanyl traffickers and domestic violence offenders. The District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team also secured justice for a 12-year-old who was shot and seriously injured while waiting at his bus stop.

Below are summaries of each team's trial sessions from April 25-May 27, 2022, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court.

The Habitual Felon Team

The Habitual Felon Team tried two defendants before juries and secured five guilty pleas during proceedings that were held April 25-May 2, 2022, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370.

William Peoples, 32, was tried for 1) trafficking in fentanyl and acetyl fentanyl, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) felony carrying a concealed gun. The jury found Peoples *guilty* as charged. Peoples was then tried for being a habitual felon, and the jury also found him *guilty* of this status offense. The Honorable Jacqueline D. Grant, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Peoples to 225-282 months in prison. In January 2020, a security officer on patrol at the Charlotte Transit Center observed a duffel bag containing an open container of liquor. The officer observed Peoples pick up the duffel bag and walk away. At that point, the officer made contact with Peoples to investigate the open container violation. During this encounter, the officer learned Peoples had outstanding warrants for his arrest. Peoples was placed under arrest, and his duffel bag was searched. Inside the duffel bag, the officer located a stolen pistol and 32.66 grams of a mixture containing fentanyl and acetyl fentanyl.

Jeffrey McKnight, 56, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Darren Reid, 51, was called for trial. During jury selection, Reid decided to plead guilty as charged to 1) selling cocaine, 2) delivering cocaine, 3) possession with the intent to sell or

deliver cocaine, 4) selling a counterfeit controlled substance, 5) delivering a counterfeit controlled substance, 6) possession with the intent to sell or deliver a counterfeit controlled substance, and 7) two counts of being a habitual felon. The Honorable Jacqueline D. Grant, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Reid to 66-92 months in prison.

Paulnique Earl, 30, pled guilty to 1) 11 counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) larceny of a motor vehicle, and 3) being a habitual felon. The Honorable Jacqueline D. Grant, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 36-56 months in prison. Earl's prior convictions include common law robbery, attempted felony breaking or entering, and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Garnette Martin, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 23-40 months in prison.

Timothy Quintyne, 39, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 10-21 months in prison.

Travis Garner, 38, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver heroin and 2) possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver methamphetamine. The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Garner must serve 150 days in custody.

Felony Crimes Team

During a court session that began May 2, 2022, a jury convicted a man of drug trafficking in a trial led by the Felony Crimes Team, which also convicted another four defendants who entered guilty pleas.

Darvin Holliday, 62, was tried for trafficking in fentanyl by possession. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. The Honorable Jacqueline D. Grant, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 70-93 months in prison. He was also ordered to pay the mandatory \$50,000 fine.

Adonis Suggs, 24, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in fentanyl by possession, 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) trafficking in heroin by possession, and 4) trafficking in heroin by transportation. The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Suggs to 90-120 months in prison. He was also ordered to pay the mandatory fine of \$100,000.

Wang Moua, 39, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in methamphetamine by possession, 2) trafficking in methamphetamine by transportation, and 3) maintaining a vehicle/dwelling for controlled substance use. The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Moua to 70-93 months in prison. He was also ordered to pay the mandatory \$50,000 fine.

Henry Douglas, 23, pled guilty to spontaneous racing. The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 20 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation. He was also ordered to pay a fine.

Antwon McCrimmon, 31, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Homicide Team

On May 2, 2022, the Homicide Team called Talvi Moore, 37, for trial. Moore was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and 2) first-degree murder. After more than two weeks of trial, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. As a result, The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge, declared a mistrial on May 24, 2022.

Violent Crimes Team

The Violent Crimes Team held trial sessions during the weeks of May 9 and May 16, 2022. The team tried two defendants, and another six defendants pled guilty.

Rayshawn Daniels, 33, was tried for 1) two counts of attempted first-degree murder, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 3) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 4) assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm, 5) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 6) 10 counts of attempted discharging of a firearm into an occupied vehicle in operation, 7) discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle in operation, and 8) two counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied property. Based on evidence presented at trial, the State dismissed the charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle in operation, as well as the two counts of discharging a firearm into occupied property. Then, the jury found Daniels *guilty* of all remaining charges. The jury also found that Daniels possessed a bulletproof vest during the commission of the felonies, which enhances the class of the offenses. The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Daniels to a total of 600-744 months in prison. In September 2018, Daniels fired gunshots at someone, but in the process, he shot a 12-year-old who was waiting at his bus stop on Reagan Drive in Charlotte. The child was seriously injured. A Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office deputy heard the shooting and saw Daniels standing over a man, trying to kill him. When Daniels jumped into a vehicle with others to flee, the deputy pursued the car. During the pursuit, Daniels shot at the deputy at least 10 times. Eventually, the suspect vehicle stopped, and its occupants fled. Law enforcement located Daniels nearby, and along his flightpath, deputies discovered a firearm with an extended magazine, as well as a bulletproof vest. Forensic evidence connected that gun to the shooting and to the defendant.

Adonijah Suggs, 23, was tried for 1) four counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling, 2) felony breaking or entering, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A jury found Suggs *guilty* of four counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling and felony breaking or entering. The jury found him *not guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Honorable Gale M. Adams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Suggs to 120-156 months in prison.

Isaiah Bethea, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) possession of a stolen firearm. The Honorable Gale M. Adams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Bethea to 84-113 months in prison.

Jordan Graham, 25, pled guilty to 1) second-degree kidnapping and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Honorable Gale M. Adams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Graham to 44-65 months in prison.

LaQuan Hoe, 29, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Hoe to 15-27 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 27-51 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Leon Moses, 23, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. The Honorable Gale M. Adams, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Moses to 9-20 months in prison.

Darron Mills, 24, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The Honorable Gale M. Adams, Superior Court Judge, found extraordinary mitigation in this case and sentenced Mills to 51-74 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Mills must serve 180 days in custody.

Jarrell Waddell, 30, pled guilty to misdemeanor flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Waddell to 12 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Special Victims Team

During the week of May 23, 2022, the Special Victims Team called one case for trial. In addition to securing guilty pleas in other domestic violence cases, the team also assisted the DA's Misdemeanor Appeals Team by handling a number of misdemeanor cases that had been appealed to Superior Court, as allowed by state law.

Carlos Easter, 42, was tried for 1) three counts of failure to register as a sex offender and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. During the trial, Easter pled guilty to three counts of misdemeanor obstruction of justice. The Honorable David A. Phillips, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 2 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Cregg Singleton, 50, pled guilty to 1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 2) discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling, and 3) discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle. The Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 58-82 months in prison.

Rajai Strickland, 36, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) felony habitual misdemeanor assault, and 3) interfering with an electronic monitoring device. The Honorable David A. Phillips, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Strickland to 35-54 months in prison.

Melvin Chambers, 50, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. The Honorable David A. Phillips, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Chambers 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, Chambers must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Jamario Clinton, 26, pled guilty to assault on a female. The Honorable David A. Phillips, Superior Court Judge, sentenced him to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Corey Sanders, 32, pled guilty to two counts of spontaneous racing. The Honorable Steven R. Warren, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Sanders to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, he was ordered to complete a driving course, not to drive during the term of his probation, and make no social media postings relating to the promotion of racing.

Tyler Gulley, 21, pled guilty to reckless driving. The Honorable Steven R. Warren, Superior Court Judge, ordered him to pay a fine.

Two other defendants who were previously convicted of driving while impaired remanded their cases to District Court for sentencing.

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