

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Felony Crimes Team tries 1 defendant; 6 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team tried one defendant during a trial session held during the week of June 6, 2022. Another six defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Jacqueline D. Grant and The Honorable Louis A. Trosch, Jr., Superior Court Judges.

Matthew Winfrey, 53, was tried for 1) trafficking in methamphetamine by possession, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver MDA/MDMA, 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin, and 5) felony carrying a concealed gun. The jury found Winfrey *not guilty*.

Nasir Shariff, 22, pled guilty as charged to 1) first-degree burglary, 2) possession of burglary tools, 3) three counts of felony breaking or entering, 4) four counts of larceny after breaking or entering, 5) larceny of a firearm, 6) resisting a public officer, and 7) possession of a stolen gun. Judge Grant sentenced Shariff to 59-83 months in prison.

Miles Gray, 57, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Trosch sentenced Gray to 70-93 months in prison.

Rutilo Soto-Penalosa, 31, pled guilty to trafficking in methamphetamine by possession. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 90-120 months in prison.

Tyler Delp, 29, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Michael Simmons, 42, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in opiates by possession and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Trosch sentenced Simmons to a total of 27-51 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Simmons must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Shantel Elder, 34, pled guilty to driving while impaired. Judge Grant sentenced Elder to 12 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Elder must serve 7 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and perform 100 hours of community service.

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