

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2 tried for sex offenses; 3 defendants plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team recently tried two defendants before juries. Three other defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held October 6-19, 2017, before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, The Honorable Carla N. Archie and The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt, Superior Court Judges.

Carlos Sinclair, 48, was tried for 1) two counts of second-degree rape, 2) second-degree sex offense, 3) second-degree kidnapping and 4) communicating threats. The jury found Sinclair *guilty* of second-degree sex offense and second-degree kidnapping. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Hunt sentenced Sinclair to 148-250 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Sinclair must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Another man was tried for 1) five counts of indecent liberties with a child, 2) three counts of statutory sex offense and 3) three counts of sex offense in a parental role. The jury found him *not guilty* of one count of indecent liberties with a child, one count of statutory sex offense and one count of sex offense in a parental role. The jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts for the remaining charges. As a result, Judge Levinson declared a mistrial as to those charges.

Kevin Irigoyen, 19, pled guilty to 1) seven counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) seven counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) attempted assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Irigoyen to 51-74 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Stanley Mitchell, 34, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Archie sentenced Mitchell to 51-74 months in prison.

Tony Houston, 34, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Houston to 13-25 months in prison.

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