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Jury convicts habitual felon of trafficking cocaine; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual felon found with cocaine hidden in his underwear was convicted of drug trafficking by a jury during a trial session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held during the week of July 11, 2022, in courtrooms 5170 and 5110 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams and The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judges.

My-Ka El, 55, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession and 2) being an habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Karen Eady-Williams sentenced him to 60-84 months in prison. In 2019, officers conducted a traffic stop on El for traffic violations. El was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. When officers observed marijuana in plain view in the vehicle, they attempted to search El, but he ran from the officers. Police were able to detain him and conduct a search. Inside the lining of his underwear, they located more than 30 grams of cocaine. El's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, and delivering cocaine.

Tamara Ervin, 40, pled guilty to 1) three counts of financial card theft, 2) 17 counts of felony larceny, and 3) communicating threats. She also admitted her status as a habitual felon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced her to 30-48 months in prison.

Michael Webb, 23, pled guilty to 1) two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) misdemeanor flee to elude arrest. Judge Ervin sentenced him to 25-42 months in prison.

Eric Frazier, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Ervin sentenced him to 24-38 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 90 days in custody.

Tyrone Huntley, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault inflicting serious physical injury on a law enforcement officer and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Ervin sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison.

Erecai Lynch, 36, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He will be sentenced at a later date.

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