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Violent Crimes Team tries 4 defendants; Misdemeanor Appeals Team tries 1

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a two-week trial session, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried four defendants before juries in Superior Court. Another two defendants entered guilty pleas. When the Violent Crimes Team concluded one of its final trials and there was remaining court time, the DA's Misdemeanor Appeals Team stepped in to try a domestic violence case that had been appealed from District Court for a trial in Superior Court. The proceedings were held during the weeks of October 3 and October 10, 2022, before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, The Honorable N. Hunt Gwyn, and The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judges.

Ezekiel McKinley, 25, was tried for 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 3) discharging a weapon into occupied property causing serious bodily injury, and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Lewis sentenced McKinley to a total of 170-238 months in prison.

Brandon Guiles, 40, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Eady-Williams then sentenced Guiles to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of unsupervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Judge Eady-Williams ordered that Guiles enroll in an anger management class.

In an appeal from District Court, Sean Lewis, 35, was tried for 1) assault on a female and 2) communicating threats. The jury found him *guilty* of assault on a female and *not guilty* of communicating threats. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Lewis to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Lewis must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Travis Ingram, 31, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Damonte Hannon, 28, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Rayshawn Dawkins, 24, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of a stolen firearm, 3) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, and 4) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 12-24 months in prison.

Damien Evans, 22, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Gwyn sentenced him to 12-24 months in prison. His sentence will run concurrently with the sentence he is currently serving for a federal conviction.

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