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Jury convicts man of cocaine trafficking; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury convicted a man of trafficking in cocaine during a recent trial session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team. The proceedings were held during the week of February 6, 2023, before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams and The Honorable David H. Strickland, Superior Court Judges.

Jonathan Potts, 29, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession and 2) trafficking in cocaine by transportation. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Potts also pled guilty to an unrelated charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Strickland sentenced Potts to 35-51 months in prison.

Jerry Bailey, 46, pled guilty as charged to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) trafficking in heroin by transportation, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine, 5) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 6) possession of a schedule III controlled substance. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Bailey to 70-93 months in prison and ordered him to pay the mandatory fine of \$50,000.

Dale King, 34, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced King to 70-93 months in prison and ordered him to pay the mandatory fine of \$50,000.

Dominic Nicholson, 34, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Strickland sentenced Nicholson to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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