

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury convicts man of cocaine trafficking**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who was found with 1,613 grams of cocaine was convicted of drug trafficking by a Mecklenburg County jury, concluding a trial led by the District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team. The team also secured 11 guilty pleas during the trial session, which was held during the week of March 13, 2023. The matters were held before The Honorable Louis A. Trosch, Jr., The Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, and The Honorable William A. Long, Superior Court Judges.

Prince Chambers, 51, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession and 2) trafficking in cocaine by transportation. The jury found Chambers *guilty* as charged. Judge Trosch then sentenced Chambers to 175-222 months in prison. In 2017, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police conducted covert surveillance at Chamber's home after they received information that he was trafficking drugs in Charlotte. Police watched as Chambers carried a large cardboard box and plastic grocery bags to a vehicle. When they stopped the vehicle, police discovered that the cardboard box contained a kilo press, a device used to brick kilos of cocaine. The plastic bags contained 1,613 grams of powder cocaine, more than 600 grams of a powder cutting agent, and supplies used to wrap kilos of cocaine.

When Mark Grover, 43, was called for trial, he pled guilty as charged to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) two counts of selling cocaine, and 3) two counts of delivering cocaine. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Grover must serve 65 days in custody.

Ivan Petty, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) assault on a female, 3) assault by pointing a gun, and 4) communicating threats. Judge Trosch sentenced Petty to 13-25 months in prison.

Jahuan Randall-Long, 24, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Long sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Randall-Long must serve 90 days in custody.

Demarius Tate, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver a schedule II controlled substance and 2) selling or delivering a schedule II controlled substance. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Kadiann Walker, 37, pled guilty to selling a schedule I controlled substance. Judge Trosch sentenced Walker to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Jamazia Brown, 23, pled guilty to 1) larceny after breaking or entering and 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Trosch sentenced her to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Melody Bullock, 66, pled guilty to two counts of obtaining property by false pretenses. Judge Long sentenced Bullock to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Kennedy Pride, 44, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony carrying a concealed gun. Judge McKnight sentenced Pride to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Gilbert Francois, 39, pled guilty to misdemeanor stalking. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Rebecca Dewilde, 32, pled guilty to driving while impaired. She will be sentenced at a later date.

After Judge McKnight denied Sonia Salazar's pre-trial motion, Salazar, 29, pled guilty to driving while impaired. Judge McKnight sentenced Salazar to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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