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Violent Crimes Team trial session leads to eight convictions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted eight defendants during a one-week trial session in courtrooms 5110 and 5130 before the Honorable Louis A. Trosch, Jr. and the Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judges.

Willie Simpson, 30, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. After a four-day trial, the jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Calvin Cooley, 45, was tried for carrying a concealed gun. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Wade Banner, 37, pled guilty to larceny from the person. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Banner to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Erik Ramsey, 29, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Trosch sentenced Ramsey to 44-65 months in prison.

Skiasia Banner, 25, pled guilty to 1) malicious maiming, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and 3) assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Trosch sentenced Banner to 70-96 months in prison. Banner was also sentenced to 17-30 months in prison, which was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Banner must complete the recovery court program and must pay \$31,844.75 in restitution to the victim in the case.

Charlie Williams, 31, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Trosch sentenced Williams to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Williams must serve 60 days in jail.

Curtis Elliot, 33, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Trosch sentenced Elliot to 13-25 months in prison.

Tyler Richardson, 21, pled guilty to discharging a firearm into occupied property. Judge Trosch sentenced Richardson to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Richardson must serve 90 days in jail.

Jose Guzman, 52, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Trosch sentenced Guzman to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Guzman must serve 150 days in jail.

Jaquavias Holley, 23, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being in violation of his probation in a prior common law robbery case. Judge Trosch continued the sentencing hearing to a later date.

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