

NEWS RELEASE

Spencer B. Merriweather
III
District Attorney

January 22, 2024

Violent Crimes Team convicts 9 during trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted nine defendants during the team's recent two-week trial session in courtrooms 5170 and 5370 before the Honorable Justin N. Davis and the Honorable Peter B. Knight, Superior Court Judges. An armed robber was convicted after a jury trial and eight defendants in other cases pled guilty. The session began on January 8, 2024 and concluded on January 18, 2024. Court was closed on January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Amari Gamble, 18, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 3) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. The jury found Gamble *guilty as charged*. Judge Davis sentenced Gamble to a total of 70-106 months in prison.

Jeffrey McMurray, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Davis sentenced the defendant to 25-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, McMurray must serve 30 days in jail and pay restitution to the victim.

Lynette Morgan, 65, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. Judge Davis sentenced Morgan to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Naseem Butler, 25, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Davis sentenced Butler to 24-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Tamika Powell, 37, pled guilty to 1) hit and run resulting in serious injury or death and 2) misdemeanor death by vehicle. Judge Davis sentenced Powell to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Erlin Alonzo, 23, pled guilty to felony speeding to elude arrest. Judge Davis sentenced Alonzo to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Alonzo must serve 57 days in jail.

Ashley White, 34, pled guilty to second-degree arson. Judge Davis sentenced White to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, White must complete a cognitive behavioral intervention program, undergo a substance abuse assessment, comply with any treatment recommendations, and pay \$3,390.00 in restitution to the victim in the case.

Donte Ford, 22, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Knight sentenced Ford to 17-30 months in prison.

Davon Lucas, 20, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Davis sentenced Lucas to 25 to 42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, follow @CharMeckDA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

// End //