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3 Habitual Felon Team trials end in guilty verdicts

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried three defendants and convicted one other during the week of January 22, 2024. The matters were held in three separate courtrooms before The Honorable J. Thomas Davis, The Honorable Matt J. Osman, and the Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Lakevis Maloye, 52, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) being an habitual felon. On May 17, 2022, the victim exited a convenience store after having made a purchase. Surveillance footage showed the defendant appeared to be waiting for the victim as he ran up to the victim with a firearm in his hand and pointed the weapon toward the victim's head. When the victim tried to push the gun away, the defendant fired. To protect himself and his wife, the victim drew his own firearm and fired back on the defendant as he continued to fire several more shots towards the victim. The victim suffered a gunshot wound to his inner thigh. The jury found Maloye *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Maloye admitted his habitual felon status and Judge Osman sentenced him to 131-170 months in prison.

Trivas Johnson, 29, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) assault by pointing a gun, 3) simple assault, and 4) being an habitual felon. The jury found Johnson *guilty* of simple assault. Judge Bell sentenced Johnson to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Darius Rainey, 53, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery, and 3) being an habitual felon. The jury found Rainey *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of larceny from the person and *not guilty* of conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Rainey admitted his habitual felon status and Judge Davis sentenced him to 90-120 months in prison. Additionally, the day after his conviction, Rainey pled guilty to an unrelated assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury charge in front of The Honorable Hugh Lewis, Superior Court Judge. Judge Lewis sentenced Rainey to 63-88 months. Both sentences will run concurrently.

Courtney Hill, 32, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Hill will be sentenced at a later date.

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