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5 convicted in Violent Crimes Team trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted five defendants during the team's June 3, 2024 trial session in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before the Honorable Peter B. Knight and the Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judges. The session concluded on June 13, 2024. Two of the defendants were convicted after being tried by juries; three defendants pled guilty.

Shelton Smith, 36, was tried for 1) attempted first-degree murder, 2) assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm, and 3) being an armed habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Ervin sentenced Smith to consecutive sentences totaling 334 – 425 months prison.

Jaqwan Short, 20, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer and 2) felony flee to elude arrest in a motor vehicle. The jury found Short *guilty* of felony flee to elude arrest in a motor vehicle but was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the assault charge. As a result, Judge Knight declared a mistrial as to the assault charge. When the cases were called for trial, the defendant entered a guilty plea to an additional offense of felony flee to elude arrest in a motor vehicle. At the conclusion of the trial, Judge Knight sentenced Short to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended on the condition that Short successfully complete 24 months of supervised probation. As a special condition of probation, Short must serve 90 days in jail.

Kaleb Young, 25, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) sale of cocaine. Judge Strickland sentenced Young to 67-93 months in prison for the robbery and 13-25 months in prison for the sale of cocaine, to run concurrently with the robbery sentence.

Daseah Caranda, 20, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Ervin sentenced Caranda to 6 to 17 months in prison; the sentence was suspended on the condition that Caranda successfully complete 24 months of supervised probation.

Chandler Boetius, 23, pled guilty to 1) assault inflicting serious injury, 2) assault by pointing a gun, and 3) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Ervin sentenced Boetius to 40 days in jail.

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