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Violent Crimes Team convicts 39 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 39 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court during the week of July 29, 2024. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable David H. Strickland, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Toddrick McFadden, 34, pled guilty to 1) assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Judge Strickland sentenced McFadden to 51-74 months in prison. On June 28, 2022, the defendant was thrown out of The Blind Pig restaurant in the NoDa neighborhood for failure to pay his tab. Once outside, the defendant fired a gun at a bartender who had come outside to place trash in the bin. Officers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department were called to the scene for shots fired. As the officers walked behind the restaurant, the defendant shot one of the officers in the leg and then fled the scene. Crime scene investigators collected discharged cartridge cases from outside the bar and near the railroad tracks across the street about 100 yards away. Surveillance video and the debit card the defendant had used in the restaurant helped identify the defendant as a possible suspect. Detectives were able to find a potential residence for the defendant. They went to that residence, where the defendant surrendered after briefly barricading himself inside the home. While McFadden was being detained, he told officers that his gun was in a shoe inside the home. Detectives executed a search warrant inside of the house and found a Polymer 80 pistol and an ammunition magazine inside a pair of shoes in the laundry room. CMPD's crime lab was able to match the discharged cartridge cases from the shooting scene to the defendant's firearm.

Amoe Nagan, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Strickland sentenced Nagan to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Nagan's completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Elijah Sidbury, 24, pled guilty to 1) three counts of common law robbery and 2) two counts of attempted common law robbery. Judge Strickland sentenced the defendant to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Ambokile Thompson, 24, pled guilty to 1) accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Strickland sentenced the defendant to 16-29

months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Thompson's completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Tyreze Witherspoon, 27, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Strickland sentenced Witherspoon to two consecutive sentences of 12-24 months; those sentences were suspended pending Witherspoon's completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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