

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Drug trafficker sentenced to prison during Felony Crimes Team trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team convicted four defendants during their recent trial session. The proceedings, which began October 7, 2024, were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight and the Honorable Louis A. Trosch Jr., Superior Court Judges.

Heather Tillman, 36, was set to go to trial for 1) sale of cocaine, 2) delivery of cocaine, 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 4) sale of heroin, 5) delivery of heroin, 6) felony possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin, 7) three counts of sale of fentanyl, 8) three counts of delivery of fentanyl, 9) three counts of possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, 10) level I trafficking cocaine by possession, 11) level I trafficking cocaine by transportation, 12) two counts of level I trafficking fentanyl by sale, 13) two counts of level I trafficking fentanyl by delivery, 14) two counts of level I trafficking fentanyl by possession, 15) level II trafficking heroin by sale, 16) level II trafficking heroin by delivery, 17) level III trafficking fentanyl by possession, and 18) level III trafficking fentanyl by transportation. With jury selection underway, Tillman pled *guilty as charged*. Judge McKnight sentenced her to 225-282 months in prison.

Okwunna Obi, 34, was tried for 1) obtaining property by false pretense and 2) buying or selling a vehicle with no license. The jury found the defendant *guilty* of buying or selling a vehicle with no license and *not guilty* of obtaining property by false pretense. Judge Trosch sentenced Obi to one day in jail.

Jennifer Bustle, 41, pled guilty to three counts of possession of a schedule II controlled substance. Judge Trosch sentenced Bustle to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Elfrem White, 44, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property, and 3) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. White also admitted his status as a habitual felon. The defendant will be sentenced on November 12, 2024.

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