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Felony Crimes Team trial session leads to 7 convictions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team convicted seven defendants during a recent trial session. The proceedings, which began January 13, 2025, were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5170 before the Honorable William T. Stetzer and the Honorable Matt J. Osman, Superior Court Judges.

Matthew Gbozah, 37, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine, 2) three counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 3) three counts of sale of cocaine, 4) three counts of delivery of cocaine, and 5) possession with intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine. The jury found him *guilty* of 1) trafficking in cocaine, 2) three counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 3) three counts of sale of cocaine, 4) three counts of delivery of cocaine and *not guilty* of possession with intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine. Judge Osman sentenced him to 35-51 months in prison.

Beginning in March 2022, Gbozah sold illegal drugs, including cocaine, on multiple occasions to undercover officers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. On July 14, 2022, officers executed a search warrant at the beauty salon owned by the defendant where they had purchased the drugs and they seized approximately 88 grams of cocaine.

Caldon Landry, 21, was tried for breaking or entering to terrorize. Landry exercised his right to a bench trial. Judge Stetzer found him *guilty as charged* and sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. That probation may become unsupervised after 12 months if the defendant remains in compliance with the terms of the probation.

Darrin Pringle, 56, was scheduled to be tried for assault on a female. With jury selection underway, the defendant pled *guilty as charged*. Judge Stetzer sentenced him to 90 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Christopher Hayes, 35, was tried for felony carrying a concealed gun. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Stetzer sentenced the defendant to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Treven Parker, 42, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Osman sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Parker must serve a split sentence of 52 days in jail.

Kevin King, 29, pled guilty to 1) level I trafficking in cocaine by delivery and 2) attempted trafficking in cocaine by transportation. Judge Osman sentenced him to 35-51 months in prison for the trafficking charge. For the attempted trafficking charge, he was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of supervised probation. That sentence will run consecutive to the first sentence.

Robert Maynard, 54, pled guilty to embezzlement. Judge Osman sentenced Maynard to 12 months of supervised probation and authorized a conditional discharge of the offense pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341(a4). The probation may become unsupervised after 6 months if the defendant remains in compliance with the terms of the probation. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$60,000 in restitution.

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