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Felony Crimes Team convicts 26 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team convicted 26 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court held the week of January 27, 2025. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Rahshawn Johnson, 32, pled guilty to 1) level II trafficking in opioids by possession and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 90-120 months in prison.

Kavari Burgess, 18, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) three counts of larceny of a firearm. For the breaking or entering charge and one larceny of a firearm charge, Judge Bell sentenced him to consecutive sentences totaling 12-34 months in prison. For the other two counts of larceny of a firearm, Judge Bell sentenced the defendant to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. That sentence will run consecutive to the first two sentences.

Tabitha Patterson, 37, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. For the attempted trafficking charge, Judge Bell sentenced her to 15-27 months in prison. For the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charge, she was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Edward Misher, 48, pled guilty to larceny by employee. Judge Bell sentenced him to 16-29 months in prison.

Nelson Smith, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge Bell sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison. Smith also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a previous conviction. Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated his suspended sentence of 13-25 months. That sentence will run concurrently with the new sentence.

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