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Violent Crimes Team convicts 2 at trial; 6 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried and convicted two defendants during a trial session that began on February 3, 2025, and ended on February 12, 2025, before the Honorable Craig R. Collins and the Honorable Ted W. McEntire, Superior Court Judges. In addition, 6 other defendants entered guilty pleas. One matter was heard before the Honorable Peter B. Knight, Superior Court Judge.

Alexis Minter, 25, was tried for 1) discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, 2) three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, 3) conspiracy to commit assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and 4) felonious speeding to elude arrest. The jury found her *guilty as charged*. Judge Collins sentenced the defendant to three consecutive sentences, totaling 95-148 months in prison.

Carlos Rodriguez-Izaguirre, 37, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found him *guilty* of the robbery and *not guilty* of the conspiracy. Judge McEntire sentenced the defendant to 60-84 months in prison.

Jermaine Walker, 20, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle in operation, 2) conspiracy to commit felony larceny, and 3) larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge McEntire sentenced the defendant to 20-36 months in prison.

Robert Watson, 50, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Knight sentenced him to 30-48 months in prison.

Niguel Barnes, 26, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and 2) felony breaking or entering. Judge McEntire sentenced him to 23-40 months in prison.

Jonathan Ellerbe, 32, pled guilty to felony hit and run causing injury. Judge McEntire sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence is suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Tariano Watkins, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge McEntire sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence is suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Shareef Jacobs, Sr., 42, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Judge McEntire sentenced him to 75 days in jail; that sentence is suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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