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Arsonist among 8 convicted in Violent Crimes Team trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried three defendants during a trial session that began on April 14, 2025, and ended on April 23, 2025, before the Honorable George C. Bell, the Honorable Alan Z. Thornburg, and the Honorable Matt J. Osman, Superior Court Judges in Courtrooms 5110, 5370, and 5170. In addition, six other defendants entered guilty pleas.

Mark Liventsov, 27, was tried for 1) four counts of attempted first-degree murder, 2) first-degree arson, 3) malicious damage of occupied property by use of incendiary material, and 4) burning caused during the commission of another felony. The jury found the defendant *guilty as charged*. Judge Thornburg sentenced the defendant to 157-201 months in prison. On November 9, 2022, just before midnight, Liventsov set a Cornelius home and vehicle on fire while the home was occupied by a sleeping family of four and their three dogs. Liventsov had been in a prolonged and contentious dispute with the two adult victims. A Cornelius Police Department officer happened upon the raging fire while on routine patrol eight minutes after the fire was set. The officer awakened the sleeping occupants and got them out safely. When he asked the victims if they had been having difficulties with anyone, they named the defendant. The officer recognized the defendant's name because the officer had just come across a Toyota Prius, registered to the defendant, parked in a suspicious manner a half mile away from the victims' home, with its license tag face down on the back seat. When another officer left the fire scene to check back on the Prius, it was gone. At the fire scene, a pair of rubber gloves were found in the victims' garbage can on the curb. DNA testing revealed the defendant's DNA on the inside of the gloves. A dashcam video in one of the victims' vehicles recorded parts of the incident and showed a man putting items in the garbage can moments before the fire began and then walking out of frame towards the victims' house.

Roy Hedman, 29, was tried for 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. At the close of the State's evidence, the defendant, through his attorney, indicated his desire to plead guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury if the State would dismiss the remaining assault charge. After consultation with the victim, the State agreed, and the defendant entered his guilty plea. Judge Bell sentenced the defendant to 19-32 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, the defendant must serve 8 months in jail. The charges arose from a June 30, 2020, incident at a Charlotte Walmart store. The victim, aged 63 at the time, was working as a store greeter and

told the defendant's group that the store was closed and that they would need to leave the vestibule area. When the victim turned his head away from the defendant, the defendant punched the victim one time in the side of the face. The victim immediately fell to the concrete floor, losing consciousness. The victim suffered a traumatic brain injury as well as long-term residual effects from the assault.

Ramez Claiborne, 31, was tried for 1) felonious carrying a concealed gun, 2) possession of a stolen firearm, and 3) resisting a public officer. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Osman dismissed the stolen firearm charge. The jury then returned verdicts of *guilty* as to the remaining charges. Judge Osman sentenced the defendant to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Gregory Griffin, 33, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced Griffin to 14-30 months in prison.

Dominique Daniels, 25, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation. Judge Bell sentenced Daniels to 58-82 months in prison.

Jaylen James, 23, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Judge Osman sentenced James to 6-17 months in prison.

Tiberus Lee, Jr., 22, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony fleeing to elude arrest in a motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced Lee to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Lee's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Alfred McCoy, 50, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering to incite fear and 2) assault by pointing a gun. Judge Bell sentenced him on the felony to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Judge Bell sentenced the defendant on the misdemeanor to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. In the event the defendant violates his probation, the suspended sentences are to run consecutively to each other.

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