

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent criminals convicted at trial; others plead guilty

The week of June 14, 2010, the Crimes Against Persons Team conducted four jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in three courtrooms.

The first trial was of Princess Elder, age 57, for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The Honorable Theodore Royster, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Elder to 29-44 months in prison.

The second trial was of Jeremy Wilson, age 24, for (1) first degree rape, (2) first degree kidnapping, (3) felony breaking or entering and (4) assault with a deadly weapon. At the close of the State's evidence, Wilson entered a guilty plea to second degree kidnapping and sexual battery. The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Wilson to 25-39 months in prison.

The third trial was of Gary Holloway, age 35, for 1) common law robbery and 2) larceny from the person. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on both charges. Holloway then admitted his status as a habitual felon and pled guilty to (1) common law robbery, (2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery, (3) larceny from the person. Holloway then admitted his status as a habitual felon on a second habitual felon indictment. Judge Bridges sentenced Holloway to 110-141 months in prison.

The fourth trial was of a defendant whose name is being withheld since the case is still pending. The defendant was tried for a robbery offense. The jury deliberated for several hours but could not reach a verdict. The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge, declared a mistrial.

Richard Robinson, age 21, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Robinson pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bridges sentenced Robinson to 12-15 months in prison suspended for 24 months of supervised probation with six months intensive probation.

Omar Ashley, age 36, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Ashley pled guilty to second degree rape and first degree kidnapping. Judge Bridges sentenced Ashley to 93-121 months in prison.

Ramon Norman, age 21, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Norman pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bridges sentenced Norman to 14-17 months in prison.

Donald Harris, age 45, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Harris pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Caldwell sentenced Harris to 16-20 months in prison suspended for 36 months probation with 90 days in jail.

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