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**Armed defendant convicted at trial; others plead guilty**

The week of August 16, 2010, the Crimes Against Persons team conducted two jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in two courtrooms.

The first trial was of Leola Adams, age 39, for (1) attempted murder and (2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* of attempted murder and a verdict of *guilty* to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. The Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Adams to 25-39 months in prison.

The second trial was of Dontavious Pegues, age 26, for two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Jarrot Jones, age 20, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Jones pled guilty to common law robbery. The Honorable A. Robinson Hassell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Jones to 13-16 months in prison.

Denajuwa Wilson, age 20, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Wilson pled guilty to accessory after the fact to shooting into an occupied property and accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Hassell sentenced Wilson to 32-40 months in prison, suspended for 36 months with supervised probation.

Maurice Weaver, age 19, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Weaver pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and common law robbery. Judge Hassell sentenced Weaver to 35-52 months in prison.

Tireese Scott, age 20, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Scott pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and common law robbery. Judge Hassell sentenced Scott to 47-61 months in prison.

Thomas Gilbert, age 21, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Gilbert pled guilty to common law robbery and conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Judge Hassell

sentenced Gilbert to 12-15 months in prison suspended for 36 months supervised probation with 20 days in jail.

Tanaka Davidson, age 28, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Davidson pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Hassell sentenced Davidson to 14-17 months in prison suspended for 36 months supervised probation with 60 days in jail.

DuJuan McNeil, age 25, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. McNeil pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Hassell sentenced McNeil to 20-33 months in prison.

Laregis McCoy, age 18, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. McCoy pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Hassell sentenced McCoy to 20-33 months in prison suspended for 36 months supervised probation with 150 days in jail.

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