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**Three habitual felons tried; juries convict two, acquit one**

The District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried three cases before a jury the week of October 5, 2009. The Honorable Christopher Collier, Superior Court Judge, presided over all three trials in courtroom 5150.

Michael Tate, age 45, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a habitual felon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Eduardo McConico, age 34, filed a pre-trial motion to suppress the evidence seized against him. After arguments from both sides, Judge Collier denied the defense's motion. McConico was tried before a jury and found guilty of possession of cocaine. McConico then admitted his status as a habitual felon, and Judge Collier sentenced him to 44-62 months in prison. McConico's prior convictions include armed robbery and two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Darryl Pickett, age 38, was tried for possession of cocaine and being a habitual felon. The jury found Pickett guilty, Pickett admitted his status as a habitual felon, and Judge Collier sentenced him to 107-138 months in prison. Pickett has prior state and federal convictions; among other crimes, Pickett has previously been convicted of attempted common law robbery, possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, sale of cocaine, and sale of marijuana.

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