

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team convicts 6 during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted six defendants during the week of January 7, 2013, in courtrooms 5150 and 5370. The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Jerry Cash Martin, Superior Court Judges, presided over those courtrooms.

Carlos Osborne, 42, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found Osborne *guilty* of felony breaking or entering. At the conclusion of the State's evidence, Judge Bell dismissed the habitual felon charge. Osborne was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison. Some of Osborne's prior convictions include strong armed robbery and second-degree burglary.

Troy Leonard Berry, 52, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) possession of cocaine, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found Berry *guilty* of the lesser included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering and *not guilty* of possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. The habitual felon phase of the trial could not be held due to the not guilty verdicts on the felony offenses. Judge Bell sentenced Berry to 72 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Jonathan Teeter, 45, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny and 3) being a habitual felon. The jury found Teeter *not guilty*; thus, the habitual felon phase of the trial could not be held.

The following defendants pled guilty before their trials began:

Erik Clay, 24, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Clay was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison. Some of Clay's prior convictions include common law robbery, two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Nathan Crawford, 52, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Bell sentenced Crawford to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Crawford must serve 3 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and 90 days on house arrest.

Ulysses Johnson, 27, pled guilty to possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and maintaining a vehicle to keep controlled substances. Johnson was sentenced to 24-29 months in prison.

Haywood Reid, 50, pled guilty to felony fleeing to elude arrest and driving while licensed revoked. Judge Martin sentenced Reid to 24-37 months in prison.

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