

NEWS RELEASE

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Eight convicted by the DA's Misdemeanor Appeals Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicted eight defendants during the week of January 7-11, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Jerry Cash Martin, Superior Court Judges.

The Misdemeanor Appeals Team prosecutes cases in which the defendant was convicted in District Court and then appealed his or her conviction to Superior Court for a jury trial, as allowed under North Carolina law. The team called cases in courtrooms 5170, 5150 and 5370 and prosecuted cases ranging from minor traffic tickets to driving while impaired charges. The team tried two cases, and five defendants pled guilty before their trials began. Another defendant was convicted when she remanded her case to District Court.

Among the cases were:

Jarrett Grier, 29, pled guilty to 1) habitual impaired driving and 2) assault on a government official. Judge Foust sentenced him to 25-39 months prison. Grier has previously been convicted of habitual impaired driving and three counts of driving while impaired.

Alfred McCoy, 38, pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny. Judge Bell sentenced him to 77 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Travis Lindley, 22, was tried for 1) driving while impaired and 2) driving after consuming alcohol while being under the age of 21. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Lindley to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 14 months of supervised probation.

Gregory Randolph, 43, was tried for 1) driving while impaired, 2) reckless driving and 3) speeding. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* for reckless driving and speeding. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the driving while impaired charge. Randolph was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Elizabeth Kelley, 38, was convicted of driving while impaired when she remanded her case to District Court for sentencing. She was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

George Turner III, 27, made a pre-trial motion to dismiss the driving while impaired charge against him. After hearing arguments from the State and the defense, Judge Foust granted Turner's motion to dismiss the charge.

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