

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team tries 4 defendants, 1 pleads guilty to avoid trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Property Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office started five trials and tried four defendants to verdicts during the week of January 9, 2012. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150, 5370, and 5130.

Jomri Jarelle Wilson, 21, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* of felony larceny after breaking or entering, and *not guilty* of felony breaking or entering. The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Wilson to 5-6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

Kobaski Claros, 21, was tried for 1) felony breaking and entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) felony possession of stolen goods, 4) assault on a government official, and 5) resisting a public officer. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* on all charges except the assault on a government official. Judge Sumner sentenced Claros to 8-10 months in prison.

Troy Green, 38, was tried for failure to register as a sex offender. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Green to 16-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Green must serve 4 months in the county jail.

Marcus Billings, 32, was tried for 1) larceny by employee, and 2) felony larceny. After the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, a mistrial was declared by The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge.

One defendant pled guilty before jury selection was finished in his trial. Dontavious White, 23, pled guilty to breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny. Judge Williamson sentenced White to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. The first 6 months of his probation will be intensive probation.

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