

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Crimes Against Property Team convicts 1 at trial; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of January 27, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted one defendant at trial, as well as four others who pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5130 and 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges. Over the course of the week, the team also made arguments in regards to a motion filed by a defendant. Court was closed on January 29 due to inclement weather.

Myles Strickland, 23, was tried for one count of first-degree burglary. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering. Judge Bridges sentenced Strickland to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, the maximum punishment for that offense.

One defendant filed a motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. After testimony and arguments from both the Assistant District Attorney and the defense, Judge Bridges denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

The following four defendants pled guilty:

Nicholas Rosthal, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) larceny of a motor vehicle. Rosthal was sentenced to 12-34 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As some of the conditions of his probation, Rosthal must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, complete 100 hours of community service and pay \$631.65 in restitution to the victims.

Matthew Davis, 19, pled guilty to 1) four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) felony breaking or entering, 3) felony larceny and 4) larceny of a motor vehicle. Davis was sentenced to 10-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As some of the conditions of his probation, Davis must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, complete 200 hours of community service and pay \$631.65 in restitution to the victims.

Deaunte Hughes, 43, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony possession of stolen goods, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) felony attempted breaking or entering. Hughes was sentenced to 12-34 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As some of the conditions of his probation,

Hughes must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, wear an electronic monitor for 18 months and pay \$2,825 in restitution to the victims.

Robert Conner, 17, pled guilty to felony attempted breaking or entering. Conner was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As some of the conditions of probation, Conner must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and wear an electronic monitor for 12 months.

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