

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2 defendants tried for drug crimes; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team recently tried two defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Before their cases were called for trial, another five defendants pled guilty to crimes such as trafficking in heroin and possession with the intent to sell or deliver illegal drugs. The proceedings were held February 8-17, 2016, before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

Deonte Ford, 26, was tried for 1) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia, 3) possession of cocaine, 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 5) felony possession of marijuana. The jury found him *guilty* of carrying a concealed gun and possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Bridges sentenced Ford to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 6 months of unsupervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Ford must serve 48 hours in jail.

Prince Chambers, 44, was tried for 1) trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) trafficking in heroin by transportation, 3) trafficking in heroin by delivery and 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

The following defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Lora Vanover, 26, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Vanover was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. Vanover was also sentenced to an additional 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of her probation, Vanover must serve 90 days in custody.

Carlos Huff, 46, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) maintaining a place for the purposes of keeping or selling a controlled substance, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia, 4) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 5) possession of cocaine. Huff was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Huff must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Jaquan Dosdos, 22, pled guilty to 1) sale of marijuana and 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Dosdos was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Dosdos must serve 10 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Towauna Brown, 37, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Brown was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of her probation, Brown must serve 38 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Mark Horsley, 29, pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Horsley was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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