

NEWS RELEASE

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Two violent felons tried by jury; others plead guilty

The DA's Crimes Against Persons Team tried two defendants the week of February 28, 2011, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5130.

Edward Hicks, 32, was tried for 1) attempted murder 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon. A mistrial was declared by The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Hassan Fisher, 20, was tried for robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Fisher to 51-71 months in prison.

Several defendants resolved their cases by guilty plea during the trial week:

Brandon Dansby, 28, pled guilty to robbery with dangerous weapon, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and felony breaking or entering. Dansby was sentenced to 127-171 months in prison by Judge Evans.

Darius Williams, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Williams was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison by Judge Evans.

Elmore Kirby III, 38, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Kirby was sentenced by Judge Evans to 29-44 months in prison, suspended for 36 months supervised probation with the condition that he serve 330 days in the county jail.

Justin Slade, 20, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Slade was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison, suspended for 36 months supervised probation by Judge Williamson.

Malena Lewis, 18, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Lewis was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison, suspended for 36 months supervised probation by Judge Williamson.

Logan Nesbitt, 23, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Nesbitt was sentenced by Judge Evans to 16-20 months in prison, suspended for 36 months supervised probation with the condition that he serve 30 days in the county jail.

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