

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felons convicted during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Habitual Felon Team tried cases before Mecklenburg County juries during the week of May 14, 2012 in courtrooms 5150 and 5370.

Reco Kamson, 26, was called for trial. During jury selection he changed his plea from *not guilty* to *guilty* to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) attempted misdemeanor larceny and 3) being a habitual felon. In addition, Kamson pled to a sexual offense with a minor victim after assuming the position of a parent. The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Kamson to 104-134 months in prison. Some of Kamson's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Jeremy Moore, 32, was called for trial. During jury selection he changed his plea from *not guilty* to *guilty* to 1) second degree burglary, 2) felony larceny, 3) felony possession of stolen goods and 4) being a habitual felon. The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Moore to 66-89 months in prison. Some of Moore's prior convictions include multiple robberies with a dangerous weapon and an assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill.

Keith Cureton, 29, was called for trial and changed his plea from *not guilty* to *guilty* to 1) malicious conduct by a prisoner and 2) felony breaking or entering. Judge Levinson sentenced Cureton to 66-80 months in prison. Some of Cureton's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance. Cureton is currently serving a prison sentence of 200-258 months as a habitual felon after his Mecklenburg County trial last year.

Dennis Bennett, 47, was tried for 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found Bennett *not guilty* of possessing a stolen motor vehicle; as a result, the trial was unable to proceed so that the jury could consider whether the defendant was a habitual felon under North Carolina law.

Demontrise Davis, 30, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 4) being a habitual felon. A mistrial was declared after the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict.

Joe Gerone Wilson, 55, pled *guilty* to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Judge Levinson sentenced Wilson to 50-60 months in prison. Some of Wilson's prior convictions include possession of a weapon of mass destruction, robbery and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Darlene Denise Guy, 47, pled *guilty* to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) felony maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of keeping controlled substances, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia and 4) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Bell sentenced Guy to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of her conditions of probation, Guy must serve 6 months of house arrest.

Over the course of the week, any additional time in the above courtrooms was used both for trials and guilty pleas involving misdemeanor convictions appealed to superior court.

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