

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sex offenders, robbers, and a habitual felon convicted by jury trials and pleas**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Crimes Against Persons Team tried two defendants the week of June 27 and the week of July 4, 2011 in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtrooms 5370 and 5150.

Jason Wright, 26, was tried for 1) shooting into an occupied dwelling, 2) cruelty to animals, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) being an habitual felon. The jury returned a *guilty* verdict on the possession of a firearm by felon charge and the habitual felon status. The jury could not reach a verdict on the cruelty to animals and shooting into an occupied dwelling charges. The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Wright to 100-120 months in prison.

As previously reported in a separate news release, Christopher Guy, 39, was tried for 1) three counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, 2) two counts of attempted first degree sex offense and 3) first degree sex offense. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on all charges. The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Guy to 666-827 months (55-68 years) in prison.

The following individuals pled guilty in lieu of trial:

Andrew Rankin, 25, pled guilty to attempted first-degree sex offense. Rankin was sentenced to 190-237 months (15-20 years) by Judge Sumner.

Raquez Smith, 19, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Smith was sentenced to 45-63 months in prison by Judge Caldwell.

Otis Johnson, 21, pled guilty to common law robbery. Johnson was sentenced to 16-20 months in prison by Judge Caldwell.

Isidro Bueno, 48, pled guilty to obstruction of justice. Bueno was sentenced to 45 days in jail by Judge Sumner.

Anthony King, 47, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. King was sentenced to 5-6 months in prison, suspended for 30 months of supervised probation, by Judge Caldwell.

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