

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury's verdict, guilty pleas lead to convictions of 9 drug offenders

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During its most recent trial session, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted nine defendants. The proceedings were held July 6-10, 2015, before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, The Honorable Richard D. Boner, The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

Tyrell Robbins, 28, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Boner sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Julian Gill, 24, filed a motion to suppress certain evidence obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Archie denied Gill's motion. Gill then pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Gill was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Fitzgerald Robinson, 31, also filed a motion to suppress certain evidence obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Ervin denied Robinson's motion, and Robinson then pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 3) carrying a concealed weapon and 4) resisting an officer. Robinson was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

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

Edward Williams, 34, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in marijuana by possession, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. Williams was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison.

Demario McDowell, 35, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. McDowell was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Keith Williams, 50, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Williams was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months

of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Williams must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Amanda Ammons, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of heroin and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Ammons was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Rayfield Taylor, 45, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Taylor was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Christopher Williams, 41, pled guilty to felony possession of marijuana. Williams was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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