

NEWS RELEASE

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3 defendants tried for property crimes; another 4 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried three defendants, and another four defendants pled guilty during the week of August 12, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges.

Travon Roary, 27, was tried for 1) first-degree burglary and 2) felony larceny. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* for felony larceny and the lesser-included offense of second-degree burglary. Judge Evans sentenced Roary to 14-26 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Roary's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. He was also ordered to serve 6 months of house arrest. In July 2012, Roary broke into a Charlotte home by tearing off a screen and opening a window. He entered the house during the night while members of the victim family were inside. His right and left thumbprints were obtained from the window and were used to identify him as the perpetrator.

James Snipes, 41, was tried for failing to register as a sex offender. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Foust sentenced Snipes to 25-39 months in prison.

Kory Cox, 26, was tried for felony breaking or entering. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

After jury selection and opening statements in the trial against Tiaje Bright, 19, the defendant decided to plead guilty as charged. He pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) resisting an officer and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Judge Evans sentenced Bright to 20-36 months in prison.

Three defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Carlton Young, 26, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Judge Evans sentenced Young to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Young must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Demarco Crawford, 30, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) felony breaking or entering. Judge Evans sentenced Crawford to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending

his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Crawford must pay \$5370 in restitution.

Vanessa Sharp, 18, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Judge Evans sentenced Sharp to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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