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Henderson, NC - Vance County Superior Case Management Court was held during the week of July 18, 2016. Judge G. Wayne Abernathy of Alamance County presided over the session. The Office of District Attorney Michael D. Waters was represented by Assistant District Attorneys Stephen T. Gheen, Melissa D. Pelfrey, and William J. Williamson.

Francis Davis pleaded guilty to armed robbery and received an active sentence of 38 to 58 months in the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction (DAC). The robbery occurred at the Marathon convenience store on Dabney Drive on August 31, 2015. This case was prosecuted by Melissa D. Pelfrey and investigated by the Henderson Police Department.

Kelly Hester pleaded guilty to Larceny by Defeating an Anti-Theft Device at Wal-Mart for a March 11, 2016 incident, and received a sentence of 8 to 19 months in the DAC. The sentence was suspended for 24 months and the defendant was placed on supervised probation. This case was prosecuted by Melissa D. Pelfrey and investigated by the Henderson Police Department.

Anna Strain pleaded guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and was sentenced to 120 days in a misdemeanor confinement facility. The sentence was suspended and the Defendant placed on 30 months of supervised probation. The case was prosecuted by Stephen T. Gheen and investigated by the Vance County Sheriff's Office.

Robert Speed pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a motor vehicle and for attaining habitual felon status, and received an active sentence of 48 to 70 months in the DAC. The conviction arose out of a string of motor vehicle break-ins occurring between December 1, 2015, and February 1, 2016. The cases were prosecuted by Melissa D. Pelfrey and investigated by the Henderson Police Department.

Michelle Spence pleaded guilty to Possession of a Schedule I controlled substance and received a sentence of 6 to 17 months in the DAC. The sentence was suspended for 36 months of supervised probation. The case was prosecuted by Stephen T. Gheen and investigated by the Henderson Police Department.

Darryl White pleaded guilty to Fleeing to Elude Arrest and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and received a sentence of 24 to 41 months in the DAC. The sentence was suspended for 48 months of supervised probation after the defendant serves a 10 month active sentence. These charges arose out of a high speed chase that took law enforcement through four counties on March 1, 2016, before they could safely stop and apprehend the defendant. The case was prosecuted by Stephen T. Gheen and investigated by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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