

'Moral Monday' Anti-Republican Protest Score Card: 31 Acquitted, 26 Convicted So Far

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RALEIGH, (AP) — The North Carolina chapter of the NAACP says Wake County prosecutors have dismissed criminal charges against more than 50 people arrested last year while protesting at the state legislature.

NAACP President William Barber says lawyers representing protesters were told Wednesday that charges are being dropped against those arrested at the Moral Monday protest May 20. Barber says the cases were dismissed after two protesters tried Tuesday were acquitted by District Court Judge Joy Hamilton. District Attorney Colon Willoughby did not know the total number of dismissals, but said his office plans to move forward with the remaining cases. More than 930 people were arrested last year at protests over conservative legislation enacted by the Republican-led General Assembly. Barber said 31 defendants have been acquitted so far, with 26 found guilty.