

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 50 felons

Fifty defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, January 4, to Friday, January 15, 2010. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge. Some defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before the Honorable Timothy Patti, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, child sex offenses, attempted rape, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to twelve years in prison. Some of them included:

Curtis Wise (35) was convicted of common law robbery and being a habitual felon; he was sentenced to 121-155 months in prison.

Ritchie Rodriguez (16) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 61-83 months in prison.

Ivey Knox (41) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and was sentenced to 117-150 months in prison.

Roger Brown (50) was convicted of two counts of sexual activity by substitute parent and was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison.

Roderick Miller (24) was convicted of attempted second degree rape and was sentenced to 82-108 months in prison.

Ryan Adams (20) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 71-95 months in prison.

Willie Morris (43) was convicted of common law robbery and being a habitual felon; he was sentenced to 90-117 months in prison.

Charles Hampton (21) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 94-122 months in prison.

Josh Proby (26) was convicted of first degree burglary and was sentenced to 102-132 months in prison.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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