

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 58 felons

Fifty eight defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, February 8, to Friday, February 12, 2010. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Some defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Timothy L. 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 10 years in prison. Some of them included:

Jacob Grogan (19) was convicted of attempted second degree sex offense and was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison.

Darren Manuel (21) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Devon Butler (23) was convicted of attempted armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by felon; he was sentenced to 61-83 months in prison.

Wendell Holmes (19) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 38-55 months in prison.

Christopher McGill (20) was convicted of two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 67-90 months in prison.

Jason Taylor (30) was convicted of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 34-50 months in prison.

Jonathan McInnis (21) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer and was sentenced to 83-118 months in prison.

David Keaveny (32) was convicted of indecent liberties with a child and was sentenced to 17-21 months in prison.

Ronnie Burgess (40) was convicted of attempted second degree sex offense and was sentenced to 40-57 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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