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## **Drug Team convicts 54 felons**

Fifty-four defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, March 22, to Monday, March 29, 2010. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, The Honorable J. Gentry Caudill, and The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judges. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling, and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active sentences of 70-84 months in prison each for Horacio Lara, German Mungia-Orellan, and Alejandro Robles for trafficking in drugs; these three drug traffickers were also fined \$100,000 as mandated by NC law.

*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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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