

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 31 felons

Thirty-one defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, April 5, to Friday, April 9, 2010. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Albert Diaz, Superior Court Judge. Some defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, child sex offenses, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to 7 years in prison. Some of them included:

Todd Houston (21) was convicted of possession of a firearm by a felon and was sentenced to 12-15 months in prison.

Antonio Harris (25) was convicted of common law robbery and misdemeanor larceny and was sentenced to 16-20 months in prison followed by a suspended sentence of 8-10 months with 36 months of supervised probation.

Reginald Wilson (22) was convicted of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 46-65 months in prison.

Curtis Harris (26) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 61-83 months in prison.

Gary Sanders (40) was convicted of felony flee to elude and habitual DWI and was sentenced to 31-35 months in prison.

Juan Briscoe (21) was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and was sentenced to 20-25 months in prison suspended for 36 months with supervised probation.

Justin Sturgill (25) was convicted of felony child abuse and was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison suspended for 36 months with supervised probation.

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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