

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 30 felons

Thirty defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, May 3, to Friday, May 7, 2010. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, 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 9 years in prison. Some of them included:

Lavonna Quick (19) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 38-55 months in prison.

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

Christopher "Tank" Davis (23) was convicted of felony breaking or entering; Davis admitted his status as an habitual felon and was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

James Whitlock (36) was convicted of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon; Whitlock admitted his status as an habitual felon and was sentenced to 73-97 months in prison.

Brent Belton (21) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 44-62 months in prison.

Shaneeeka White (22) was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison suspended for 36 months with supervised probation.

Arthur Arnette (62) was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison suspended for 36 months with supervised probation.

Shaquita Briscoe (20) was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and was sentenced to 23-37 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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