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## Habitual Felon Team sends 17 to prison

On Tuesday, May 25, Wednesday, May 26, and Friday, May 28, 2010, the DA's Habitual Felon Team held arraignments for habitual felons in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Seventeen defendants pled guilty and received active prison sentences.

Among those to plead guilty were:

Michael Rice, 34, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Rice was sentenced to 80 to 105 months in prison.

Michael Vance, 48, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Vance was sentenced to 80 to 105 months in prison.

Richard Reed, 49, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Reed was sentenced to 20 to 24 months in prison.

Jackie Ford, 40, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 2) selling marijuana. Ford was sentenced to 19 to 24 months in prison.

Jerrold Poteat, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of marijuana up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Poteat was sentenced to 60 to 81 months in prison.

Corey Walker, 34, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) conspiracy to sell cocaine. Walker was sentenced to 45 to 55 months in prison.

Eric Brunson, 50, pled guilty to breaking or entering. Brunson was sentenced to 16 to 20 months in prison.

Troy Davis, 38, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering. Davis was sentenced to 12 to 15 months in prison.

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Carol Owens, 48, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Owens was sentenced to 19 to 24 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 <u>www.charmeckda.com</u>.

