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## **Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 42 felons**

Forty-two defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Tuesday, June 1, to Friday, June 4, 2010. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, 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 13 years in prison. Some of them included:

Jonathan Prince (17) was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and first degree kidnapping and was sentenced to 120-162 months in prison.

Dawayne House (26) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 82-108 months in prison.

Bruce Gaiten (29) was convicted of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and first degree burglary and was sentenced to 84-110 months in prison.

Derrick Adams (30) was convicted of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault on a handicapped person; Adams admitted his status as a habitual felon and was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

Cordarius Kenion (20) was convicted of two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 68-100 months in prison.

John Patrick Bush (28) was convicted of two counts of second degree rape of a child and was sentenced to 116-158 months in prison.

Ronald Scott Heibeck (58) was convicted of four counts of indecent liberties with a child and was sentenced to 48-60 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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