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## **Drug Team convicts 98 felons**

Ninety-eight defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, July 13, to Wednesday, July 22. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson. 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 Jose Edy Martinez's active prison sentence of 70-84 months for trafficking in cocaine. Martinez was also fined \$100,000.

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