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## **Drug Team convicts 87 felons**

Eighty-seven defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, July 19, to Monday, July 26. The defendants entered their pleas in courtrooms 5310 and 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges. 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 Wencesla Olvera's active prison sentence of 38-48 months for attempted trafficking in heroin.

*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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