

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 46 violent felons

Forty-six defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, August 2, to Friday, August 6, 2010. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, child sex offenses, rape, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to nine years in prison; some of them included:

Charles Billups (30) was convicted of second degree rape of a child and was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

David Ervin (50) was convicted of common law robbery and was sentenced to 31-38 months in prison.

Quashawn Jarrell (18) was convicted of nine counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, first degree burglary and common law robbery; he was sentenced to 95-123 months in prison.

Luis Diaz (21) was convicted of attempted 2nd degree rape and assault by strangulation and was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison.

Patrick Gervasi (20) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 38-55 months in prison.

Terrance White (19) was convicted of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 38-55 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.

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