

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team convicts 90 felons

Ninety defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, September 13, to Friday, September 17. The defendants entered their pleas in courtrooms 5310 and 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, The Honorable W. Robert Bell, and the Honorable Laura Bridges, 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 Luis Garcia's active prison sentence of 90-117 months for 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.

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