

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team convicts 75 felons

Seventy-five defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, October 11, to Friday, October 15. The defendants entered their pleas in courtrooms 5310 and 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan and The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, 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 Sergio Wilson's active prison sentence of 39-47 months for conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, sale of cocaine, and a probation violation.

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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