

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 42 defendants

Forty-two defendants pled guilty to violent felony crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, November 1, to Friday, November 5, 2010. The defendants entered their 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, 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:

Jeffrey Gilliard (48) was convicted of common law robbery and he admitted his status as a habitual felon; Gilliard was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

Jeremy Jolly (20) was convicted of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to 29-44 months in prison.

Sharon McMillion (48) was convicted of common law robbery and was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison.

Roman Miller (40) was convicted of felony hit and run with serious injury and he admitted his status as a habitual felon; Miller was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Damien Williams (38) was convicted of five counts of taking indecent liberties with a child and he was sentenced to 73-97 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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