

NEWS RELEASE

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26 defendants convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-six defendants pled guilty to property crimes January 3-6, 2017, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge. The defendants were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. The convictions were for crimes that included second-degree burglary, felony breaking or entering, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, embezzlement and corporate malfeasance. Court was not held on January 2, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Tavarus Taybron, 20, pled guilty to 1) second-degree burglary and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. In May 2016, the victim was showering in her uptown Charlotte apartment when she heard the door open. She believed it was her husband, who had gone to walk their dogs. When her husband arrived home, the victim realized that she could not find her phone, car keys, wallet or her laptop. Police responded to her report of a break-in, and while the police were present, the victim's husband discovered that his debit card had recently been used at an uptown restaurant. Officers reviewed the restaurant's surveillance footage, which showed Taybron making the purchase. Taybron was located nearby in possession of the victim's stolen credit cards, laptop, and keys.

Christian Baur, 26, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) attempted trafficking in opium or heroin by possession. He was sentenced to 53-93 months in prison.

Harvell Shannon, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) financial transaction card theft, 3) assault on a female and 4) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison.

Ricky Cochran, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) felony larceny. He was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Matthew Griffin, 29, pled guilty to 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury 2) obtaining property by false pretense and 3) assault on a government official. He was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Jason Saye, 34, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual larceny and 2) larceny by removing an anti-theft device. He was sentenced to 11-23 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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