

NEWS RELEASE

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Robbers, felon with gun among 42 convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-two defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of January 12, 2015. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Dontravius Bynum, 18, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Bynum was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Elontrae Glenn, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and 3) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Glenn was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Aldred Rivera-Padilla, 18, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Rivera-Padilla was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison.

James Widener, 31, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Widener was sentenced to 23-40 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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