

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Defendants who committed break-ins among 23 convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-three defendants pled guilty to property crimes during the week of January 19, 2016, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretense, corporate malfeasance and embezzlement. Court was not held on January 18, 2016, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and court was not held on January 22, 2016, due to inclement weather.

Among the defendants who were sent to prison were:

Geremias Santiago, 36, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. In December 2013, the victim awoke to discover that his Dodge Caravan was missing from the driveway of his Matthews home. The victim's family suspected Santiago, who is the ex-boyfriend of the victim's daughter. When the victim's daughter contacted Santiago, he directed her to where the van was parked in uptown Charlotte. A year later, the victim and his family awoke to discover that someone broke in while they were sleeping and took a computer tablet and two wallets. The victim again suspected Santiago. Police determined that a credit card from one of the stolen wallets was used at a McDonald's restaurant on the morning the break-in was reported. Surveillance footage showed Santiago in the restaurant using the victim's stolen credit card.

Tyrell Brace, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

Elijah McCullough, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Jerdarrian Baker, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Tyshe Broome, 17, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Maurice Slowe, 18, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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