

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team convicts 39 defendants, sends 29 to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 39 defendants in courtroom 5350 on January 22, January 23 and January 25, 2013. Of those convicted, 30 were habitual felons, and 29 were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Anthony Brown, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) being a habitual felon. Brown was sentenced to 87-117 months in prison. Brown has prior convictions for sell or deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Mario Raley, 26, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Raley was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Some of Raley's prior convictions include possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle, and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Lafayette Alexander, 32, pled guilty to 1) sale of heroin, 2) trafficking in heroin, and 3) being a habitual felon. Alexander was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Alexander's prior convictions include discharging a weapon into an occupied property and two counts of sale of cocaine.

Antwon McCorkle, 36, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) two counts of felony serious injury by vehicle, and 3) being a habitual felon. McCorkle was sentenced to 65-90 months in prison. McCorkle has prior convictions for possession of cocaine, sell or deliver cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Carl Southerland, 35, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Southerland was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Southerland has prior convictions for possession of cocaine, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and voluntary manslaughter.

Brian McDaniel, 40, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. McDaniel was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison. Some of McDaniel's prior convictions include possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and several counts of felony breaking or entering, as well as larceny after breaking or entering.

Alvin Alexander, 36, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Alexander was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Some of Alexander's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, possession of cocaine and common law robbery.

William Robinson, 33, pled guilty to 1) obtain property by false pretense and 2) two counts of financial card theft. Robinson was sentenced to 34-41 months in prison. Some of Robinson's prior convictions include sale of cocaine and possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Quantavis Rushing, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Rushing was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison. Some of Rushing's prior convictions include sale of cocaine and possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

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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