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## **Break-in offenders among 12 defendants sent to prison by Habitual Felon Team**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 16 defendants during the week of January 22, 2018. Twelve of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Darrael Holland, 49, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 4) felony possession of stolen goods and 5) being a habitual felon. Holland was sentenced to 80-108 months in prison. Holland's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering.

Delwin Lee Owens, 53, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Owens was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Owens' prior convictions include larceny from the person, attempted common law robbery and felony breaking or entering.

Deaireus Sims, 23, pled guilty to 1) larceny from the person, 2) felony attempted larceny and 3) being a habitual felon. Sims was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Sims' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, common law robbery and accessory after the fact to common law robbery.

Charles Lefler, 41, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Lefler was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Lefler's prior convictions include two counts of felony breaking or entering and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

David Sherrill, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender and 3) possession of cocaine. Sherrill was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison. Sherrill's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

*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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