

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 42, provides diversion to 13

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 42 defendants in Superior Court during the week of January 28, 2019. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Jamal Jones, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Antoine Springs, 27, pled guilty to five counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Daveion Horton, 25, pled guilty to 1) larceny after breaking or entering, 2) two counts of financial card theft, 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 4) misdemeanor financial card fraud and 5) misdemeanor hit and run causing property damage. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Jennifer Stone, 38, pled guilty to embezzlement. She was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. She was also ordered to pay \$30,240 in restitution to the victim business.

In addition to these proceedings, the Crimes Against Property Team also enrolled defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years. Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since December 20, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled 13 defendants in this program.

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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