

NEWS RELEASE

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33 defendants convicted by DA's Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 33 defendants during the week of February 6, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Among those convicted were:

Ayonta Risher, 21, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Risher was sentenced to 63-88 months in prison.

Teasia Oliphant, 20, pled guilty to 1) four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Oliphant was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Deshawn Thompson, 26, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Thompson was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison.

Demarcus Mack, 22, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. He also admitted to violating his probation for a previous conviction. Mack was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison.

Ana Godoy, 23, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Godoy was sentenced to 13-25 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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