

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DA's Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 24 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-four defendants pled guilty to violent crimes February 8-11, 2016, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

James Crawford, 51, pled guilty to second-degree sexual offense. Crawford was sentenced to 83-160 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Crawford must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Ronnie Boyd, 25, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Boyd was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Jovante McKenzie, 35, pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. McKenzie was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Gregory Black, 46, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Black was sentenced to 23-37 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Black must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

*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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