

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 23 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-three defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of February 16, 2015. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, obtaining property by false pretense, embezzlement and identity theft. Court was closed February 17-18, 2015, due to inclement weather.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Christopher Honaker, 33, and Kimberly Marshall, 35, each pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Honaker was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison, and Marshall was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison. In April 2014, Honaker and Marshall entered a vacant house in Charlotte and removed a generator and a welder. Honaker later tried to pawn the items at a local pawn shop. Because the house had previously been targeted in a break-in, the owner had installed a deer camera, which captured both Honaker and Marshall's involvement in the theft.

Billy Young, 27, pled guilty to felony identity theft. Young was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Deangelo Wright, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Wright was sentenced to 8-19 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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