

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 21 convicted of property crimes; defendants who committed break-ins sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-one defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of February 15, 2016. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, second-degree burglary, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Among the defendants who were sent to prison were:

Edwin Burch, 24, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 18-40 months in prison. These charges stem from two separate incidents. In September 2015, the victim arrived at his Charlotte home to find that the front door of his apartment had been kicked in and his bedroom had been ransacked. The victim discovered that he was missing two watches, an Apple iPod and docking station, Michael Jordan sneakers and car keys. Then, in October 2015, another victim returned home and found that a screen had been removed from his bedroom window. When he entered his residence, the victim discovered that his home had been ransacked, and saw that his laptop, Michael Jordan sneakers and gold chains had been stolen. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department crime scene officers were called to both scenes, where they discovered fingerprints inside the residences matching those of the defendant.

Ladonovan Pharr, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Dominique Daise, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Terrance Davis, 24, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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