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## **DA's Property Team convicts 44 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-four (44) defendants pled guilty to felony property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, February 20, to Friday, February 24, 2012. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, breaking and entering a motor vehicle and failure to register as a sex offender.

Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to 21-year-old David Bellamy's active prison sentence of 15-18 months for 1) assault with a deadly weapon on a government officer and 2) felony breaking or entering.

*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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