

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 18 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 24 defendants during the week of February 25, 2019. Eighteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Dexter Houston, 53, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Houston was sentenced to 117-153 months in prison. Houston's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Darrell Moore, 39, pled guilty to 1) two counts of common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Moore was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. Moore's prior convictions include two counts of common law robbery and conspiracy to commit common law robbery.

Donald Bunting, 63, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Bunting was sentenced to 87-117 months in prison. Bunting's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses and assault by strangulation.

Steve Watts, 52, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Watts was sentenced to 85-114 months in prison. Watts' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Ralph Chisholm, 58, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Chisholm was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Chisholm's prior convictions include possession of cocaine, felony breaking or entering and common law robbery.

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