

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual felon who committed fraud among 13 defendants sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team sent 13 defendants to prison and convicted a total of 16 defendants. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, during the week of February 29, 2016.

Among those convicted were:

Kimshon Monique Bennett, 44, pled guilty to 1) felony financial transaction card fraud and 2) being a habitual felon. Bennett was sentenced to 36-56 months in prison. Some of Bennett's prior convictions include forgery, common law robbery and financial card theft. In early 2014, detectives developed Bennett as a suspect in several incidents of mail theft. A search warrant was executed at her home, and officers gathered several pieces of mail belonging to multiple victims of identity theft. Detectives determined that Bennett stole several checks from mailboxes, designated herself as the payee and then deposited them into her personal bank account.

Quashawn Ali-Mauri Oliver, 26, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Oliver was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. Some of Oliver's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and felony possession of stolen goods.

Pierre Montrez McClain, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. McClain was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Some of McClain's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, felony breaking or entering and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Roderick Lamont Edwards, 34, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm on educational property and 2) being a habitual felon. Edwards was sentenced to 41-62 months in prison. Some of Edwards' prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and larceny of a motor vehicle.

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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