

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

March 12, 2012

23 plead guilty, 18 sentenced to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-three defendants entered guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judges. The cases were prosecuted by the DA's Habitual Felon Team. Eighteen of the twenty-three were sentenced to prison; some of them were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, March 6, Wednesday, March 7, and Friday, March 9, 2012.

Among those convicted were:

Kristian Davenport, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Davenport was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison. Some of Davenport's prior convictions include breaking or entering a motor vehicle, sale of cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Erskine Harden, 41, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 2) driving while impaired and 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Harden was sentenced to 25-30 months in prison. Harden's prior criminal record includes a conviction for robbery.

Richard Page, 26, pled guilty to four counts of obtaining property by false pretense. Page was sentenced to 48-60 months in prison. Page's prior criminal record includes a conviction for using a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

Herbert Brandon, 42, pled guilty to 1) obtaining property by false pretense and 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Brandon was sentenced to 28-34 months in prison. Some of Brandon's prior convictions include four counts of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Kristen Gioglio, 44, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) possession of burglary tools. Gioglio was sentenced to 30-37 months in prison. Some of Gioglio's prior convictions include nine counts of felony breaking or entering, four counts of larceny after breaking or entering, and possession of burglary tools.

Ernest Hill, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony conspiracy to commit breaking or entering and 3) larceny after breaking or entering. Hill was sentenced to 26-32 months in prison. Some of Hill's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, and possession of a stolen 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.

// End //

