

NEWS RELEASE

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Sex offenders, robbers among 29 convicted by DA's Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Crimes Against Persons Team of the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted 29 defendants during the week of March 3, 2014. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Brian Crawford, 34, pled guilty to statutory rape. Crawford was sentenced to 190-288 months in prison. Following his release from prison, Crawford must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

Monique Smith, 21, pled guilty to two counts of felony child abuse. Smith was sentenced to 50-84 months in prison.

Quentin Gomillion, 22, pled guilty to 1) attempted second-degree rape and 2) sexual battery. Gomillion was sentenced to 48-118 months in prison. Following his release from prison, Gomillion must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jocqui Johnson, 19, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Johnson was sentenced to 42-63 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.

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