

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Prosecution Team convicts 50 felons

Fifty defendants pled guilty to felony drug crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of February 28, 2011. The defendants entered their pleas in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possession, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws, sentences ranged from supervised probation to active prison sentences.

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, Lisa Gray, age 35, pled guilty to sale of cocaine. Judge Constangy sentenced her to 20-24 months in prison.

On Friday, March 4, 2011, Ricardo Ramirez-Gervasi, age 29, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Constangy sentenced him to a total of 20-25 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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