

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist, violent felons among 37 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A rapist and other violent felons were among the 37 defendants convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team during the week of March 9, 2015. 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:

Resean Lindsay, 17, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree rape, 2) two counts of first-degree sex offense and 3) first-degree kidnapping. Lindsay was sentenced to 410-612 months (at least 34 years) in prison. Upon his release from prison, Lindsay must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

Efrain Esperu, 59, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and 3) attempted first-degree sex offense. Esperu was sentenced to 183-292 months in prison.

Brandon McInnis, 23, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. McInnis was sentenced to 84-113 months in prison.

Alexander Cintron, 23, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Cintron was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Jorge Reyes, 27, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Reyes was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Reyes must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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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