

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 26 defendants convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-six defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of March 16, 2015. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, possession of stolen goods, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, obtaining property by false pretense, corporate malfeasance and financial card fraud.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Corey Patterson, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) larceny of a motor vehicle, 4) larceny of a firearm and 5) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Patterson was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison. In July 2014, Patterson and his codefendant broke into a Charlotte home and stole money, a gun, a guitar and a bottle of alcohol before fleeing in the victim's car. Officers quickly located the stolen vehicle, arrested Patterson and recovered stolen property, which had been hidden in a nearby wooded area. Patterson's codefendant previously pled guilty in connection with the incident.

Robert Rivera, 20, pled guilty to 1) four counts of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony flee to elude arrest. Rivera was sentenced to 14-36 months in prison, and he was ordered to pay \$3,165 in restitution to the victims.

Davion Craig, 19, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Craig was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Jaquan Rivera, 17, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny and 3) possession of cocaine. Rivera was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison, and he was ordered to pay \$2,350 in restitution to the victims.

*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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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