

# NEWS RELEASE

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## DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 17 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 21 defendants during the week of March 20, 2017. Seventeen of those defendants were sent to prison. 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:

Carl Eugene Simpson, 53, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a firearm and 2) being a habitual felon. Simpson was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Simpson's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, felony larceny and felony shoplifting.

Michael Allen Rice, 41, pled guilty to 1) three counts of felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Rice was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. Rice's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Corey Jeremy Forneberger, 27, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Forneberger was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Forneberger's prior convictions include possession of a stolen motor vehicle and multiple counts of felony breaking or entering.

Jacob Ryan Frazier, 35, pled guilty to 1) two counts of selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Frazier was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Frazier's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, selling cocaine 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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