

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Property Team Convicts 49 Defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-nine (49) defendants pled guilty to felony property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, March 19, to Thursday, March 22, 2012. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, malicious damage by use of an incendiary device, and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to an active prison sentence of 67-90 months in the cases against Robert Simpson, aged 54, for 1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and, 2) malicious damage by use of an incendiary device.

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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