

NEWS RELEASE

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62 criminals convicted of property offenses in Mecklenburg County

Last week, sixty-two criminals were convicted of committing property offenses against the citizens of Mecklenburg County. The Honorable Robert T. Sumner was the presiding superior court judge in courtroom 5350 for the week of Monday, March 21, 2011, to Friday, March 25, 2011.

The sixty-two individuals who entered guilty pleas last week were sentenced to a wide range of punishment ranging from probation to lengthy sentences in the North Carolina Department of Correction. Some of the notable pleas included:

Larry Cooper, 39, pled guilty to: (1) two counts of Breaking or Entering a Place of Worship, and (2) two counts of Larceny after Breaking or Entering. Mr. Cooper was sentenced to 50-60 months in prison.

Shayla Davis, 27, pled guilty to First Degree Arson and was sentenced to 38-45 months in prison. As part of the sentence, Mr. Davis was ordered to pay restitution of over \$35,000.00 to the victims.

Ottis Elmore, 39, pled guilty to: (1) Identity Theft, (2) Manufacturing Marijuana, and (3) twelve counts of Corporate Malfeasance. Mr. Elmore was sentenced to 18-23 months in prison, which was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Mr. Elmore must serve two months in the county jail. In addition, Mr. Elmore was ordered to pay restitution of over \$69,000.00 to the victims.

Salvador Marquez, 24, pled guilty to Breaking or Entering a Motor Vehicle and admitted to violating his probation for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. Mr. Marquez was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison.

Demonta Robbins, 21, pled guilty to: (1) Second Degree Burglary, and (2) Larceny after Breaking or Entering. Mr. Robbins also admitted to violating his probation for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. He was sentenced to 21-35 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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