

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Vehicle thief among 13 defendants convicted by DA's Habitual Felon Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual felon who stole a vehicle at a Charlotte car wash was among the 13 defendants convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of March 28, 2016. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Among those convicted were:

Anthony Kai Amos, 51, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Amos was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. In March 2015, Amos approached an employee at an Autobell Car Wash in Charlotte while the employee was vacuuming a customer's Jeep Grand Cherokee. Amos asked about the status of his car and presented a claim receipt. As Amos drove away in the Jeep, the employee realized that the claim receipt number did not match the number assigned to that vehicle. The owner of the vehicle, who was waiting at Autobell, saw his car being driven away and reported it stolen. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police located Amos driving the Jeep two days later. Amos has previously been convicted of multiple counts of larceny of a motor vehicle.

Marshall Ray Nicholson, 48, pled guilty to 1) four counts of selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Nicholson was sentenced to 88-118 months in prison. Some of Nicholson's prior convictions include second-degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of cocaine.

Terry Deangelo Johnson, 34, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Johnson was sentenced to 76-104 months in prison. Some of Johnson's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Andre Antonio Newton, 45, pled guilty to two counts of felony habitual misdemeanor larceny. Newton was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison. Some of Newton's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, attempted felony breaking or entering 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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