

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 18 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 20 defendants during the week of March 30, 2015. Eighteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge. Court was not held on April 2, 2015, in observance of Good Friday.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Cordaro Jordan, 28, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Jordan was sentenced to 88-118 months in prison. Some of Jordan's prior convictions include conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Charles Cole, 24, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) three counts of felony larceny, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) being a habitual felon. Cole was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison.

Toney Ellis, 47, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Ellis was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison. Some of Ellis' prior convictions include grand larceny, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin.

Robert Eric Hooker, 51, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony possession of stolen goods and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Hooker was sentenced to 35-54 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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