

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

April 13, 2017

Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 44 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Sex offenders and an armed robber were among the 44 defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, during the week of April 3, 2017.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Damirus Crawford, 24, pled guilty to attempted statutory rape. Crawford was sentenced to 165-258 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Crawford must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Correy Holder, 22, pled guilty to five counts of indecent liberties with a child. Holder was sentenced to 80-100 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Holder must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Ricky Bennett, 18, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Bennett was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Obed Flores, 25, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Flores was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Flores must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

John Johnson, 47, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle and 2) manufacturing marijuana. Johnson was sentenced to 25-42 months in prison.

Timothy Martin, 40, pled guilty to 1) felony hit and run with serious injury and 2) driving while impaired. Martin was sentenced to 13-25 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.

// End //