

NEWS RELEASE

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18 felons sent to prison

Twenty-five defendants prosecuted by the DA's Habitual Felon Team pled guilty to felonies in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, April 5, Wednesday, April 6, and Friday, April 8, 2011. Eighteen of the twenty-five went to prison; the remaining seven were not habitual felons under North Carolina law.

Among those that went to prison were:

Mitchell Martin, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Martin was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Charles McGowan, 26, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. McGowan was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Leroy Talbert, 39, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Talbert was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Marquez Quince, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. Quince was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

Steven King, 43, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. King was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

Francis Minton, 52, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Minton was sentenced to 33-42 months in prison.

Martin Jones, 44, plead guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Jones was sentenced to 20-24 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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