

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 41 defendants convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 7, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 41 defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III and The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judges. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses and breaking or entering motor vehicles. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Carlton Ardrey, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude and 2) resisting a public officer. Ardrey was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 60 days in custody; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Robert Welsome, 56, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Welsome was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

James Millard, 28, pled guilty to felony larceny. Millard was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison and ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution.

Anthony Carson, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny of a motor vehicle and 3) driving while impaired. Carson was sentenced to 5-15 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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