

NEWS RELEASE

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39 violent felons convicted, including two habitual felons

Thirty-nine defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 from Monday, April 11, through Friday, April 15, 2011; among them were:

Ricardo Velasquez, 40, pled guilty to 1) attempted second degree rape and 2) sexual activity by a substitute parent. Velasquez was sentenced to 87-134 months in prison.

Francisco Huistlacalt, 17, pled guilty to second degree sex offense. Huistlacalt was sentenced to 72-96 months in prison.

Radi Meyers, 31, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Meyers was sentenced to 17-21 months in prison.

Kyreem Renfro, 20, pled guilty to 1) discharging a firearm into occupied property and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Renfro was sentenced to 26-41 months in prison.

Timothy Barlow, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude, 2) felony breaking and/or entering and 3) larceny after breaking and/or entering. Barlow admitted his status as a habitual felon and was sentenced to 67-90 months in prison.

Carlton Williams, 25, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) first degree burglary. Williams was sentenced to 82-108 months in prison.

Ronald Shoates, 21, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Shoates was sentenced to 17-21 months in prison.

Robert Ulrich, 40, pled guilty to common law robbery and admitted his status as a habitual felon. Ulrich was sentenced to 92-120 months in prison.

Jerod Headen, 18, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) first degree burglary, 5) two counts of larceny from the person and 6) conspiracy to commit larceny from the person. Headen was sentenced to 64-86 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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