

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 25 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 25 defendants April 8-12, 2013, in Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Miguel Alvarado, 28, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. He was sentenced to 70-84 months in prison. In November 2011, Alvarado was discovered in a car that contained more than 56 grams of heroin at a restaurant parking lot on Providence Road in Charlotte.



Miguel Alvarado

Elder Martinez, 31, pled guilty to conspiracy to traffic in cocaine by possession. He was sentenced to 35-42 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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