

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Burglars among 46 defendants convicted by DA's Crimes Against Property Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Burglars and thieves were among the 46 defendants convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team during the week of April 13, 2015. The defendants pled guilty to property offenses in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included first-degree burglary, felony breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, obtaining property by false pretense, financial card fraud and embezzlement.

Among the defendants who were convicted and sent to prison were:

John Moree, 47, pled guilty to first-degree burglary. He was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. At 9:30 p.m. on October 16, 2014, the victim heard someone come inside the front door of her home. Thinking it was her husband, who had recently left the house to go to a store, she called out to him but received no response. Then, she heard noises in her bedroom, so she went to investigate. That's when the victim saw Moree in her room and asked him what he was doing there. Moree told her he was looking for drugs. Moree later admitted to Charlotte-Mecklenburg police that he'd watched the victim's husband leave and then entered the house to look for heroin.

Daniel Torres, 28, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) felony larceny. He was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Revonn Hassel, 22, pled guilty to 1) second-degree burglary, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 4) larceny of a firearm and 5) two counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Hassel was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Hassel was also ordered to pay \$543 in restitution to the victims.

*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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