

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual felon who fired at police sentenced to 19 years in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual felon who fired a semi-automatic rifle at several police officers from his apartment while a woman and two children were trapped inside was among the 14 defendants recently convicted and sent to prison by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of April 17, 2017, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Those convicted include:

Edward Alan Wold Jr., 42, pled guilty to 1) three counts of assaulting a law enforcement officer with a firearm and 2) being a habitual felon. Wold was sentenced to 231-291 months in prison. In January 2016, Wold called 911 from an apartment in Mint Hill and then hung up on the operator. A Mint Hill police officer was dispatched to Wold's apartment. As the officer approached the apartment, Wold was lying in wait with an AR-15, a semi-automatic rifle. Wold fired at least five rounds at the officer, narrowly missing him. A second Mint Hill officer responded to the scene to help. As that officer walked between buildings, Wold broke one of his apartment windows and fired four rounds at the officer. When two more officers responded to the parking lot, Wold broke another window, pointed his rifle at them and fired three more rounds; again, narrowly missing the officers. During the shooting, a canine officer was walking through the tree line of an adjacent building, attempting to evacuate residents of the apartment complex. Wold fired approximately five rounds at that officer and his canine, causing the officer to dive for cover. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's SWAT Team was called to the scene, and a four-hour standoff ensued. Wold reloaded his rifle and fired numerous rounds at additional responding officers, striking buildings and vehicles in the process. Wold taunted the officers and shouted at them to enter his apartment. After hours of negotiation with a SWAT officer, Wold eventually agreed to exit his apartment and be placed in custody. Wold's girlfriend and two small children were trapped in the apartment with him throughout the entire incident. Multiple vehicles in the parking lot were damaged by bullets, and bullets entered a neighbor's apartment. No one was injured. Wold's prior convictions include multiple counts of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to seriously injure, possession with the intent to sell or deliver oxycodone and possession with the intent to sell or deliver methadone.

Dontavion Montrez Reid, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Reid was sentenced to 66-92 months in prison. Reid's prior convictions include selling cocaine, felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

Cleburn Coleman, 47, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 2) attempted possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. Coleman was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Coleman's prior convictions include multiple counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, multiple counts of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

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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