

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Armed robbers among 34 convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 34 defendants April 22-26, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Deonte Thomas, 28, pled guilty to 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Thomas was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. In December 2010, Thomas knocked on the door to the victim's home on Coxe Avenue in Charlotte. When the victim opened the door, Thomas demanded money and fired a gunshot into the ceiling of the victim's home. The victim then tackled Thomas, wrestled the gun away and shot Thomas in self-defense. Thomas' co-defendant, Sammarcus Carothers, was waiting outside in the getaway car. Carothers dropped Thomas off at an area hospital and fled. Carothers previously pled guilty in connection with the attempted robbery.



**Deonte Thomas**

Lashune McCarthy, 21, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. McCarthy was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison.

Regina Terry, 34, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon and 2) six counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Terry was sentenced to 56-84 months in prison. Terry was also sentenced to an additional 25-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Cinquay Farrer, 22, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) possession of a firearm by a felon. Farrer was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison. Farrer was also sentenced to an additional 17-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Jacobe Walker, 19, pled guilty to 1) four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon 2) two counts of common law robbery and 3) breaking or entering. Walker was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Walker was also sentenced to an additional 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Romany Harris, 21, pled guilty to attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Harris was sentenced to 45-66 months in prison.

William Claytor, 26, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) possession of a schedule I controlled substance and 4) possession of a schedule II controlled substance. Claytor was sentenced to 40-57 months in prison.

Oscar Long, 42, pled guilty to habitual impaired driving. Long was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Henry Moultrie, 43, pled guilty to common law robbery. Moultrie was sentenced to 13-16 months in prison.

Joshua Leu, 16, pled guilty to common law robbery. Leu was sentenced to 8-19 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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