

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 25 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who committed identity theft to purchase vehicles and rent apartments and a man who broke into several vehicles are among the 25 defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. During the week of April 24, 2017, the defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Troy Cherry, 25, pled guilty to 1) two counts of identity theft and 2) obtaining property by false pretenses. Cherry was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. In 2016, Cherry used fraudulent identification cards, which contained the victims' information, in order to purchase vehicles and rent apartments throughout the Charlotte area. When the victims realized this was occurring, they contacted Charlotte-Mecklenburg police, and Cherry was arrested. Cherry admitted in one of the cases that he had purchased a victim's information to make the fake identification cards.

Jawayne Lynch, 31, pled guilty to 1) four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) two counts of felony larceny and 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Lynch was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. Lynch was identified as a suspect responsible for breaking into multiple vehicles in September and October 2016 and taking items such as credit cards, electronics and tools. Lynch was arrested in October 2016 while he was breaking into cars at an apartment complex in the Charlotte area. At the time, he was in possession of items stolen during previous break-ins, and he admitted to breaking into multiple vehicles while wearing gloves.

Danneul Mclean, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny and 3) unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 7-18 months in prison.

Nehemiah Young, 21, pled guilty to felony possession of stolen goods. He 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.

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