

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 19 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 25 defendants. Of those convicted, 19 were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of April 27, 2015, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Kenneth Jerome Black, 33, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Black was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Some of Black's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and uttering a forged instrument.

Willard Marion Grier, 36, pled guilty to 1) two counts of attempted common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Grier was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Some of Grier's prior convictions include common law robbery and robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Sariko Jones, 33, pled guilty to 1) delivering marijuana and 2) being a habitual felon. Jones was sentenced to 41-62 months in prison. Some of Jones' prior convictions include common law robbery and sale of cocaine.

Jeremy Leonard Cromer, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony attempted breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Cromer was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison. Some of Cromer's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

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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