

NEWS RELEASE

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Prosecutors receive CMPD Chief's Award for Excellence in Policing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, two Mecklenburg County Assistant District Attorneys were recognized by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for their work to target habitual thieves.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Rodney Monroe presented a Chief's Award for Excellence in Policing to Assistant District Attorneys Reed Hunt and Nate Proctor, as well as to several members of CMPD, during the department's annual Awards and Recognition ceremony.

The police investigators and prosecutors earned the award for their work in the Habitual Misdemeanor Larceny Project, an initiative aimed at defendants who repeatedly harmed the community by committing thefts. Because some of these defendants steal items with a value lower than what is necessary to constitute a felony charge, they continued their criminal behavior because they avoided significant jail sentences. The punishment for a misdemeanor larceny conviction, as set out in state law, is a maximum of only a few months in jail.

But through a collaborative effort between CMPD and the District Attorney's Office, police and prosecutors utilized the habitual misdemeanor larceny law, a state law that went into effect in 2012. The law allows prosecutors and police to charge a defendant with felony larceny if he or she has four prior misdemeanor larceny convictions. A felony conviction results in a more severe punishment.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Proctor are members of the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, which prosecutes cases such as larceny and breaking or entering. Mr. Hunt is the team's supervisor.

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