

NEWS RELEASE

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22 defendants convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-two defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of May 9, 2016. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle, larceny by employee, identity theft and financial transaction card theft.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Jordan Allen Williams, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Williams was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. In June 2015, the victim was inside her home in Charlotte's North Davidson Street area and heard her dog begin to bark. She then heard what sounded like blinds being disturbed in an adjoining room, so she ran from the house and hid behind a neighbor's car. From there, she could see two men enter her home. The victim called 911 to report that someone was breaking into her house. When officers circulated the neighborhood, they located Williams nearby. He was sweating profusely and wearing ripped, muddy pants and muddy shoes. The victim identified Williams as one of the men she had seen entering her home. Williams later confessed to breaking into the victim's house and to stealing a firearm, which he stated he had tossed into the woods near a neighbor's house. The firearm was recovered in the location where Williams stated it could be found.

Devonta Stanley, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Travis Roberts, 24, pled guilty to two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Roberts also admitted to a willful violation of his probation for a prior conviction. He was sentenced to a total of 6-17 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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