

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 28

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 28 defendants in Superior Court during the week of May 13, 2019. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Demetry Rorie, 17, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) felony breaking or entering, 3) larceny of a motor vehicle and 4) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Chalmers Crockett, 54, pled guilty to two counts of felony possession of stolen goods. He was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

Garnette Martin, 21, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Derrick Tillman, 29, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Walter King, 28, pled guilty to 1) identity theft and 2) insurance fraud. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay \$50,161.00 in restitution.

The Crimes Against Property Team also enrolls defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years. Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since April 15, 2019, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled one defendant in this program.

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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