

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 17 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 21 defendants during the week of May 19, 2014. Seventeen of those defendants were sent to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Anna Mills Wagoner and The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Joseph Houston, 48, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a firearm and 2) being a habitual felon. Houston was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. In December 2013, Houston went into a television repair shop on North Tryon Street and stole a handgun belonging to one of the employees. Police quickly responded and apprehended Houston. Some of Houston's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon, common law robbery and felony larceny.

Bobby Johnson, 52, pled guilty to 1) possession of stolen goods and 2) being a habitual felon. Johnson was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Some of Johnson's prior convictions include breaking or entering and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Deshawn McManus, 21, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 4) being a habitual felon. McManus was sentenced to 72-99 months in prison. Some of McManus' prior convictions include attempted larceny of a motor vehicle and breaking or entering.

Richard Walker, 33, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Walker was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. Some of Walker's prior convictions include breaking or entering a motor vehicle, possession of cocaine and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Travis Feaster, 35, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine, 2) sale of marijuana and 3) being a habitual felon. Feaster was sentenced to 66-91 months in prison. Some of Feaster's prior convictions include assault on a female, sale of marijuana and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Donald Pasour, 45, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Pasour was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison. In addition to other prior convictions, Pasour has multiple prior convictions for breaking or entering.

Dennis Gabriel, 40, pled guilty to 1) two counts of sale of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Gabriel was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison. Some of Gabriel's prior convictions include possession of cocaine and possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana.

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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