

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 25 defendants; heroin traffickers sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of May 16, 2016, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 25 defendants for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, the defendants' sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants sent to prison were:

Ryan Holian, 19, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. He was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. In April 2015, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police observed a car travelling at a high rate of speed into a gas station in Charlotte's Ballantyne area. As Holian exited the car, officers saw a syringe cap fall from his lap. Officers then approached Holian and discovered more than eight grams of heroin in his pocket, as well as more drugs and drug paraphernalia in his car. In an interview with police, Holian said that he had been selling heroin for more than a month.

Miriam Carrillo-Flores, 29, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by sale. Carrillo-Flores was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison.

Alan Wray, 44, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Wray was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Saul Salinas, 42, pled guilty to trafficking in cocaine by sale. Salinas was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Paula Juregui-Loya, 25, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin by sale. Juregui-Loya was sentenced to 25-39 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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