

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Habitual Felon Team sends 12 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 13 defendants during the week of May 14, 2018. Twelve of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Howard Watson, 47, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felonious restraint, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Watson was sentenced to 130-168 months in prison. Watson's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Sean Boyd, 41, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Boyd was sentenced to 102-135 months in prison. Boyd's prior convictions include two counts of common law robbery and larceny from the person.

Marcus Kirkpatrick, 39, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 3) being a habitual felon. Kirkpatrick was sentenced to 76-104 months in prison. Kirkpatrick's prior convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle, felony possession of stolen goods and robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Thomas Smith, 34, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Smith was sentenced to 68-94 months in prison. Smith's prior convictions include three counts of felony breaking or entering.

*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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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