

NEWS RELEASE

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Twenty-five habitual felons plead guilty and go to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Habitual Felon Team convicted twenty-seven defendants this month in administrative courtroom 5350; twenty-five were habitual felons and were sentenced to prison. The defendants entered guilty pleas before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, on Tuesday, May 1, Wednesday, May 2, Tuesday, May 29, and Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

Among those convicted were:

Tyrell Culbreth, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. Culbreth was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison. Some of Culbreth's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering, and felony larceny after breaking or entering.

Ivory Chappell, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony hit and run and 2) being a habitual felon. Chappell was sentenced to 50-69 months in prison. Chappell's criminal record includes convictions for possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and two common law robberies.

Daishawn Teasley, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) possessing a stolen motor vehicle. Teasley was sentenced to 36-45 months in prison. Teasley's prior convictions include felony larceny and three separate convictions for possessing a stolen motor vehicle.

James Wingo, 48, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Wingo was sentenced to 31-47 months in prison.

Bernest Holit, 44, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny of chose in action, 3) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Holit was sentenced to 30-37 months in prison.

Church Mobley, 52, pled guilty to 1) second degree burglary, 2) felony possession of stolen goods, and 3) possession of cocaine. Mobley was sentenced to 29-36 months in prison.

Rashaun Jones, 32, pled guilty to two counts of malicious conduct by a prisoner. Jones was sentenced to 26-32 months in prison.

James Arnett, 61, pled guilty to failure to properly register as a sex offender. Arnett was sentenced to 23-28 months in prison.

Reginald Shaw, 37, pled guilty to trafficking in cocaine. Shaw was sentenced to 35-42 months in prison. Some of Shaw's prior convictions include trafficking in cocaine and felony larceny.

Jacorey Fraylon, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) felony maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of keeping controlled substances, and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. Fraylon was sentenced to 30-44 months in prison. Fraylon's prior convictions include possession of cocaine, felony breaking or entering, and felony larceny after breaking or entering.

William Walker, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) felony conspiracy to commit breaking or entering. Walker was sentenced to 32-40 months in prison. Some of Walker's prior convictions include sale of marijuana, sale of cocaine, and possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver.

Wayne Wells, 33, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) felony larceny. Wells was sentenced to 30-45 months in prison. Some of Wells' prior convictions include grand larceny and three counts of felony breaking or entering.

Keith Joyner, 33, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Joyner was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison. Some of Joyner's prior convictions include sale of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Albert President, 46, pled guilty to two counts of felony larceny. President was sentenced to 20-24 months in prison. Some of President's prior convictions include three counts of financial card theft and three counts of obtaining property by false pretense.

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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