

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 8 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 10 defendants during the week of May 23, 2016. Eight 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:

David Ivery Bridges, Jr., 26, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) felony possession of stolen goods and 3) being a habitual felon. Bridges was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Some of Bridges' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

John Lawrence Stevens, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Stevens was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Some of Stevens' prior convictions include possession of a stolen motor vehicle, felony possession of stolen goods and financial transaction card theft.

Tamarus Lamont Davis, 34, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in cocaine and 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Davis was sentenced to 50-78 months in prison. Some of Davis' prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and selling cocaine.

Robert Lee Reid, 41, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Reid was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Some of Reid's prior convictions include multiple counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

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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