

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 14 defendants sent to prison by DA's Habitual Felon Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 20 defendants. Fourteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of May 25, 2015, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Court was not held on May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Frank Vindigni, 41, pled guilty to three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Vindigni was sentenced to 84-113 months in prison. Some of Vindigni's prior convictions include felonious mayhem and attempted burglary in another state.

Billy Ray Jones, 45, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Jones was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Jones' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and possession of stolen goods.

Damion Treon Turner, 34, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) delivering marijuana, 3) assault on a law enforcement officer and 4) being a habitual felon. Turner was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison. Some of Turner's prior convictions include possession of heroin and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Dominique Dajanir Moffett, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Moffett was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison. Some of Moffett's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering and larceny of a firearm.

Patrick Daniel Turner, III, 54, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Turner was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison. Turner's prior convictions include obtaining property by false pretenses, felony breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

*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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