

NEWS RELEASE

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Troy Catoe convicted and sentenced to more than 12 years in prison

CHARLOTTE, NC – On June 8, 2011, Troy Catoe, 38, pled guilty to (1) Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Law Enforcement Officer, (2) Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, (3) two counts of Felony Speeding to Elude, (4) Misdemeanor Hit and Run, (5) Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle, and (6) Misdemeanor Larceny. Catoe also admitted his status as an Habitual Felon.

Officers attempted to stop Catoe on the morning of January 5, 2011, to arrest him on misdemeanor traffic offenses. Catoe fled, striking a civilian vehicle, almost striking responding officers, and managed to elude capture. Later that day, Catoe broke into an automobile and stole a GPS unit. Officers located Catoe that evening and Catoe fled once again, leading officers on a lengthy chase through the streets of Charlotte. Officers eventually managed to stop and arrest Catoe.



Troy Catoe

Today, Catoe was sentenced to 146-185 months in prison. The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge, presided over the arraignment in courtroom 5350 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

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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