

NEWS RELEASE

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Twenty habitual felons go to prison

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Habitual Felon Team prosecuted twenty-four defendants, twenty of whom were habitual felons under North Carolina law and were given active prison sentences. The arraignments occurred in courtroom 5350 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, Wednesday, June 1, 2011, and Friday, June 3, 2011. The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, presided.

Among those to plead guilty were:

Sean Butts, 41, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Butts was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

Chualo Barringer, 41, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to sell a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school, 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance, and 3) admitted a violation of probation. Barringer was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Allen Wray, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of cocaine, 2) felony possession of marijuana, and 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. Wray was sentenced to 31-39 months in prison.

George Stevenson, 46, pled guilty to selling cocaine; he was sentenced to 25-30 months in prison.

Marcus McCain, 30, pled guilty to possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. McCain was sentenced to 19-23 months in prison.

Howard Watson, 40, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Watson was sentenced to 20-24 months in prison.

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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