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## **DA's Drug Team convicts 30, sends drug traffickers to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 30 defendants during the week of June 3, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among those who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Ricardo Quevedo, 19, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by delivery. Judge Lewis sentenced Quevedo to 70-93 months in prison. Quevedo was arrested in December 2012, immediately following a sale of 4.68 grams of heroin to an undercover officer from the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Abraham Gonzalez, 37, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine by possession. Judge Lewis sentenced Gonzalez to 13-25 months in prison.

Douglas Wall, 25, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in opiates by possession. Judge Lewis sentenced Wall to 13-25 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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