

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Burglar among 47 defendants convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of June 2, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 47 defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included first-degree burglary, breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses and breaking or entering motor vehicles. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Trevon Short, 17, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) felony larceny. Short was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison. On the morning of September 1, 2013, a couple living at a Charlotte home awoke to discover that a wallet and cellphone had disappeared overnight. The next morning, one of the victims woke up around 4:30 a.m. and saw Short inside her home. Her husband then chased Short, who'd stolen cash and a credit card, out of the house. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police identified Short as a suspect when they discovered that Short's court-ordered electronic monitor showed that he was at the victims' home at the time of both incidents.

Christopher Parks, 19, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen vehicle, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) felony larceny. Parks was sentenced to 16-38 months in prison.

Jeremy Brown, 24, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Brown was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Anthony Omar, 19, pled guilty to 1) three counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) three counts of felony larceny and 3) three counts of felony possession of stolen goods. Omar was sentenced to 12-34 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

*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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