

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team tries defendant; 4 others plead guilty when called for trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of June 6, 2016, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried one defendant and convicted four others who pled guilty when their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

Charles Reginald Ratliff, 30, was tried for 1) three counts of discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A jury found Ratliff *not guilty*. The State was unable to proceed on a habitual felon indictment due to the jury's verdict.

Chandler Blake Mitchell, 24, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) felony possession of stolen goods and 3) being a habitual felon. Mitchell was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Some of Mitchell's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering, larceny of a firearm and multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Kelly Lee Duncan, 52, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin and 2) selling heroin. Duncan was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Frank Alberto Avila, 30, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Avila was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

Wayne Alan Wilson, 57, pled guilty to 1) two counts of selling heroin and 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin. Wilson was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

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