

NEWS RELEASE

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23-year-old child rapist William Parker convicted today

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – William Parker, 23, pled guilty to first-degree rape this morning at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. Parker was sentenced to 240-297 months.

The victim, a first grader, disclosed the sexual abuse to a friend. Parker admitted to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Detectives that he had engaged in sex acts with the child.

In addition to serving 20 to 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ years in prison, upon his release Parker will be required to register as a sex offender and be on satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

Parker pled guilty in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

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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