

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual offender among 26 convicted by DA's Crimes Against Property Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-six defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of June 8, 2015. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included second-degree burglary, breaking or entering, larceny from a construction site, possession of stolen goods, identity theft, financial card forgery and embezzlement.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Rondrico McQueary, 26, pled guilty to 1) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison. These charges stemmed from two incidents. The first occurred in September 2012, when vehicle break-ins were reported in a parking lot in uptown Charlotte. Investigators collected blood evidence found on a seat in one of the cars, and in March 2014, lab results found that the DNA discovered in the car matched that of McQueary. The second incident occurred in October 2013. A Charlotte resident heard what sounded like glass breaking and called 911 when he looked out of his window to see McQueary enter a neighbor's home. When police arrived, officers detected movement inside the residence and then saw McQueary exit through a rear window and attempt to jump a fence. Officers pursued him on foot and placed him under arrest.

Chase Bruton, 17, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison. In February 2015, the victim returned to his home in Charlotte to find that someone had broken into his residence by breaking a window with a rock and then reaching inside to unlock the window. Missing from the home were a desktop computer, a laptop computer and a flat screen television. Investigators found fingerprints at the scene that were determined to belong to Bruton.

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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