

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Property Team convicts 49 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-nine defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of Monday, June 11. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, habitual breaking or entering, felony larceny, embezzlement, accessing a computer, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and failure to change address as a registered sex offender. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison time.

Active sentences included:

Cody Briggs, 22, pled guilty to 1) second degree burglary and 2) larceny of a firearm. Briggs also admitted to being a habitual breaking or entering status offender, having been convicted of felony breaking or entering in May, 2011. He was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison, to be followed by a second sentence of 10-21 months in prison that will be suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Eric Berry, 31, pled guilty to 1) two counts felony breaking or entering and 2) one count of felony larceny. He also admitted to being a habitual breaking or entering status offender, having been convicted of felony breaking or entering in June 2011. Berry was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

David Satterfield, 48, pled guilty to failure to provide a change of address as a registered sex offender. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 20-33 months in prison. Satterfield was convicted in 1999 of second degree rape.

Grace Presson, 37, pled guilty to 1) five counts of accessing a computer and 2) one count of embezzlement. Judge Lewis sentenced Presson to 13-16 months in prison. She was also sentenced to two other sentences of 13-16 months and 6-8 months in prison; those sentences will be suspended if she successfully completes 48 months of supervised probation and pays \$146,000 in restitution.

*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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