

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team convicts 24; absconder sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of June 12, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 24 defendants, including 18 who were sent to prison. Also, a habitual felon who absconded from his February trial was sentenced to prison. The proceedings were held before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Richard L. Doughton, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Sharif Adams, 46, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree kidnapping, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) being a habitual felon. Adams was sentenced to 100-132 months in prison. Adams' prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, felony breaking or entering and forgery.

Quincy Romale Scott, 28, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Scott was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. Scott's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Raymond Lamont McClinton, 23, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. McClinton was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. McClinton's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, felony breaking or entering and multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Clyde Floyd Reese, Jr., 58, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Reese was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Reese's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering and multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Jermaine Earl Hicks, 32, who was [convicted by a jury in February 2017](#) but absconded during his trial, was sentenced by Judge Doughton to 83-112 months in prison. In the midst of jury selection for his February trial, Hicks left the courtroom and fled. The court conducted the remainder of the trial in his absence, and the jury found Hicks *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and being a habitual felon. Hicks was located and taken into custody in May. His prior convictions include assault and battery with the intent to kill, burglary and grand larceny.

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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