

NEWS RELEASE

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Man who committed 2 home break-ins among 26 convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who was spotted breaking into two homes was among the 26 defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of June 26, 2017, before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included identity theft, breaking or entering, felony larceny and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Among those convicted were:

Devonta Stanley, 23, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to a total of 30-63 months in prison. In September 2016, Stanley was seen breaking into a home in the Charlotte area and then taking items. A witness followed Stanley in his vehicle as he called 911 and then observed Stanley breaking the window of another home and going inside. Stanley was still in the home when officers responded. As police tried to arrest Stanley, he fled and attempted to hide in a sewer. He was eventually arrested, and a firearm was found in the area where he had been hiding.

Joseph Wells, 34, pled guilty to three counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Alexander Brown, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Shamond Glenn, 22, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Dustin Thomas, 24, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

David Williams, 26, pled guilty to identity theft. He was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Joshua Wells, 36, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Lisa Swinson, 40, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) possession of heroin, 3) two counts of uttering a forged instrument and 4) larceny of a chose in action. She

was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. She was also sentenced to an additional 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Swinson must serve an additional 150 days in custody.

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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