

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **33 defendants convicted of property crimes**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-three defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of July 7, 2014. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses, and breaking or entering motor vehicles. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

JaJuan Arnold, 18, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Arnold was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Arnold must wear an electronic monitor during the first 12 months of his probation.

Kristine Strachan, 38, pled guilty to two counts of attempted felony larceny. Strachan was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison. She was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

*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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