

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 29 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-nine defendants recently pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 during the week of July 5, 2016. Court was not held on July 4, 2016, in observance of Independence Day.

Among those convicted were:

Cleburn Coleman, 46, pled guilty to 1) attempted possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Coleman was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison.

Reginald Poole, 29, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. Poole was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison.

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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