

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts 19 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of July 1, 2019, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 19 defendants of offenses such as felony assault and common law robbery. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge. Court was closed on July 4, 2019, in observance of Independence Day.

Among those convicted were:

Noah Chambers, 19, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Chambers was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison.

Keitavon James, 19, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. James was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

Joseph Jones, 30, pled guilty to hit and run causing serious bodily injury or death. Jones was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

Octavia Kelley, 22, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) possession of heroin. Chambers was sentenced to 10-21 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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