

NEWS RELEASE

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39 violent felons convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-nine (39) defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 during the week of July 9, 2012. Among them were:

Adam Mercado, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Evans sentenced Mercado to 12-24 months in prison.

Cedric Carson, 19, pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Evans sentenced Carson to 20-36 months in prison.

Amber DeJesus, 26, pled guilty to 1) felony hit and run resulting in death and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Evans sentenced DeJesus to 11-14 months in prison.

Johnny Beatty, 18, pled guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Evans sentenced Beatty to 12-15 months in prison.

Gil Melararodriguez, 56, pled guilty to attempted second-degree sex offense. Judge Evans sentenced Melararodriguez to 51-71 months in prison.

John Crews, 51, pled guilty to first-degree sex offense. Judge Evans sentenced Crews to 144-233 months in prison.

Eric Lindsey, 41, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Evans sentenced Lindsey to 11-23 months in prison.

David Makin, 38, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Evans sentenced Makin to 12-15 months in prison.

Plavojai Jenkins, 24, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Evans sentenced Jenkins to 10-12 months in prison.

Jacobian McCorkle, 19, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Evans sentenced McCorkle to 48-70 months in prison.

Sinatra McIntyre, 19, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Evans sentenced McIntyre to 8-19 months in prison.

Archie Fordham, 40, pled guilty to 1) larceny from the person and 2) felony larceny. Judge Evans sentenced Fordham to 40-48 months in prison.

Martez Johnson, 22, pled guilty to 1) first degree kidnapping and 2) second-degree sexual offense. Judge Evans sentenced Johnson to 67-90 months in prison.

Pierre Leach, 24, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Evans sentenced Leach to 40-57 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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