

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug traffickers among 30 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of July 10, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 30 defendants in Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants convicted and sent to prison were:

Beltran Gerardo, 32, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by sale. Judge Foust sentenced Gerardo to 90-120 months in prison.

Cameron Holly, 25, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Foust sentenced Holly to 35-51 months in prison.

Aaron Davis, 26, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in opiates by possession and 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Foust sentenced Davis to 23-37 months in prison. In 2016, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police stopped Davis' car for speeding more than 100 mph on Interstate 85. When Davis exited his vehicle, officers noticed a bag fall from his pants that contained more than 20 grams of cocaine. Police located 14.73 grams of hydrocodone and 4.97 grams of oxycodone inside Davis' car.

Conner Fanning, 22, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Archie sentenced Fanning to 21-35 months in prison.

Rondale Jetton, 38, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine by possession. Judge Archie sentenced Jetton to 10-21 months in prison.

During a trial session held the week of June 26, 2017, Jazmine Thompson, 24, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Archie sentenced Thompson to 18 months of supervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

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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