

NEWS RELEASE

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43 convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, NC – Last week, forty-three criminals were convicted of committing property offenses against the citizens of Mecklenburg County. The Honorable James W. Morgan was the presiding superior court judge in courtroom 5350 for the week of Monday, July 18, 2011, to Friday, July 21, 2011. In accordance with North Carolina's structured sentencing laws, sentences ranged from probation to active prison time.

Some of the notable pleas included:

Malik Richards, 21, pled guilty to seven counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison. He was also sentenced to a consecutive 18-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of probation. Richards was ordered to be on electronic monitoring for the duration of probation at the discretion of his probation officer and was required to pay a total of \$5,102.84 in restitution to the victims.

Edmond Harold Day, age 21, pled guilty to: (1) felony breaking or entering, and (2) larceny after breaking or entering. Day was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison.

Dontae Jerrod Kornegay, 19, pled guilty to two counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 5-6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Kornegay must serve 45 days in the county jail. Kornegay was also ordered to pay \$1500 in restitution to the victims.

Antonio Diego Veltri, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Judge Morgan sentenced Veltri to 5-6 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Veltri must serve 30 days in the county jail.

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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