

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual felon convicted at trial, another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted two habitual felons during the week of July 29, 2013. One defendant was convicted at trial, and the other pled guilty when his case was called for trial. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5170 and 5150 before The Honorable Richard D. Boner and The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judges.

John Donald Matthews, 55, was tried for 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Boner sentenced him to 110-141 months in prison. In addition to his other prior convictions, Matthews has six prior convictions for breaking or entering.

Robert Danyel Whitworth, 31, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a stolen vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced Whitworth to 60-84 months in prison. Some of Whitworth's prior convictions include breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

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