

NEWS RELEASE

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Robbers among 35 defendants convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team recently convicted 35 defendants, including defendants who committed robberies. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge, during the week of August 1, 2016.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

James Hines, 65, pled guilty to 1) second-degree rape, 2) second-degree kidnapping and 3) felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Sta'Quan Jones, 20, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Jones was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison.

Michael Withers, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) interfering with an electronic monitoring device. Withers also admitted to violating his probation for a prior conviction. Withers was sentenced to a total of 48-89 months in prison.

Tarion Henley, 17, pled guilty to two counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Henley was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Jayquan Lamison, 20, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) felony larceny and 3) obtaining property by false pretense. Lamison was sentenced to a total of 30-64 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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