

# NEWS RELEASE

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## DA's Drug Team convicts 39, sends drug traffickers to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 39 defendants August 5-9, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge. 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 who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Selvin Andrade-Maldonado, 28, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Foust sentenced Andrade-Maldonado to 90-120 months in prison. In January 2013, Andrade-Maldonado sold heroin during an undercover operation with agents of the Charlotte division of the Drug Enforcement Administration along with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. When Andrade-Maldonado was arrested, he had approximately 17 grams of heroin in his lap, and he took agents to his residence, where he had approximately 273 grams of heroin.

Kyle Wagner, 23, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transport. Judge Foust sentenced Wagner to 70-93 months in prison.

Alexander Trejo, 28, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Foust sentenced Trejo to 70-93 months in prison.

Jonathan True, 31, pled guilty to trafficking in opiates by possession. Judge Foust sentenced True to 70-93 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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