

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Violent Crimes Team convicts 25 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 25 defendants during the week of July 30, 2018. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Michael Dunlap, 54, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) two counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, and 3) one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle inflicting serious bodily injury. Dunlap was sentenced to 73-100 months in prison.

Damion Howie, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 3) obtaining property by false pretenses. Howie was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Anthony Banks, 22, pled guilty to discharging a firearm into occupied property. Banks was sentenced to 25-42 months in prison.

Jason Burgess, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony serious injury by vehicle and 2) driving while impaired. Burgess was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison with an additional 12 month prison sentence to be served at the expiration of the first sentence.

Christian Shipp, 28, pled guilty to felonious restraint. Shipp was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

Tarian Ramsey, 21, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Ramsey was sentenced to 15-30 months in prison.

Terrell Rouse, 30, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Rouse was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

John Peay, 26, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Peay was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Joseph Willis, 22, pled guilty to larceny from the person. Willis was sentenced to 8-19 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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