

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team convicts 26, sends defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – This week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 26 defendants. The defendants entered their guilty pleas August 13-15, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge. Twenty-four of the defendants were sent to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law.

Among those convicted were:

Wilbert Lane, 44, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Lane was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. In January 2013, Lane robbed a woman at gunpoint outside of a Charlotte store. The victim pursued Lane in her car and was able to get the license plate number of his vehicle. With that information, police quickly located Lane, who was arrested after a brief stand-off with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's SWAT team. Lane has two prior convictions for felony larceny in Virginia, as well as a federal conviction for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Demario Snead, 35, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Snead was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Snead has three prior convictions for possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver, as well as a conviction for sale of cocaine.

Anthony Mark Harris, 51, pled guilty to 1) attempted felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Harris was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. In January 2013, Harris aided in the larceny of 12 televisions from a Charlotte nightclub by purposefully leaving a ladder under a roof access for the thieves to gain entrance. Harris has two prior convictions as a habitual felon and a conviction for robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Steven Jeffrey McCree, 48, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) felony breaking or entering. McCree was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison. McCree has prior convictions for sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Bruce Stanley Jones, 53, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Jones was sentenced to 32-58 months in prison. Jones has 12 prior felony breaking or entering convictions and four prior convictions for larceny after breaking or entering.

Rashawn Donnell Williams, 24, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of firearm by a convicted felon. Williams was sentenced

to 26-44 months in prison. Williams has two prior convictions for attempted common law robbery and a conviction for conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Thomas Andre Luckey, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of firearm by a convicted felon and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Luckey was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison. Luckey's prior convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle and two convictions for breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

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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