

NEWS RELEASE

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13 convicted of sex crimes, domestic violence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted 13 defendants in Superior Court during the week of August 12, 2019. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Christopher McNear, 53, pled guilty to 1) first-degree rape and 2) first-degree kidnapping. He was sentenced to 202-252 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, McNear must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Kenneth McIllwaine, 53, pled guilty to 1) second-degree rape and 2) first-degree kidnapping. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Upon his release from prison, McIllwaine must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Candy Jenkins, 50, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. She was sentenced to 73-100 months in prison.

Fabian Darby, 27, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He was sentenced to 31-50 months in prison.

Dominique Small, 31, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. He was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison. While he is in prison, he must complete a substance abuse assessment.

Joshua Dornan, 32, pled guilty to second-degree kidnapping. He was sentenced to 25-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, he must serve 240 days in custody and perform 72 hours of community service.

Kenneth Swann, 26, pled guilty to promoting prostitution. He was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 180 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Edward McCormick, 39, pled guilty to misdemeanor cyberstalking. He was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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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