

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DA's Office convicts 41 defendants of property-related offenses**

CHARLOTTE, NC – Last week, forty-one criminals were convicted in courtroom 5350 of committing property offenses against the citizens of Mecklenburg County. The Honorable James W. Morgan was the presiding superior court judge from Monday, August 15, 2011, to Friday, August 19, 2011.

The forty-one defendants who entered guilty pleas last week were sentenced to punishments ranging from supervised probation to prison. Among them were:

Desmond Adams, 21, pled guilty to four counts of felony breaking or entering, and received a 20-24 month prison sentence that will be served after he completes the 58-79 month prison sentence that he is currently serving. Adams was also ordered to pay \$2,785 in restitution to the victims.

Rodney Simpson, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Morgan sentenced him to 6-8 months in prison. Simpson was ordered to pay \$1,675 in restitution to the victim.

Andre Patterson, 18, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering; he was sentenced to 4-5 months in prison that will begin after he completes 13-16 months in prison that he is currently serving. Patterson will have to pay \$390 in restitution to the victim.

Raymond Wilkes, 18, pled guilty to felony possession of stolen goods, and will serve 4-5 months in prison. He was ordered to pay \$1,826.01 in restitution to the victim.

Aaron Gause, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison.

Kenneth Sumpter, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering, and was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison.

Patrick Campbell, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 6-8 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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