

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Habitual Felon Team sends 21 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 25 defendants during the week of August 18, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Twenty-one of those defendants were sent to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

William Coleman, 50, pled guilty to 1) three counts of breaking or entering, 2) three counts of larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Coleman was sentenced to 96-128 months in prison. During multiple incidents, Coleman broke into local businesses. In each case, his DNA was found at the scene of the crime. In addition to other previous convictions, Coleman has multiple prior convictions for breaking or entering.

Emanuel Walls, 30, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin. Walls was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. Some of Walls' prior convictions include trafficking in cocaine, larceny from the person and forgery.

Brandon Mobley, 23, pled guilty to 1) possession of stolen goods and 2) being a habitual felon. Mobley was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Some of Mobley's prior convictions include breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

Brandon Horne, 33, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Horne was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison.

Mark Nichols, 51, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Nichols was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Some of Nichols's prior convictions include first-degree burglary, breaking or entering and sale of cocaine.

Nicholas Jordan, 34, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Jordan was sentenced to 26-44 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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