

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 43 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 43 defendants August 19-23, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Among those who were convicted and sent to prison were:

Emmanuel Gleaton, 18, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Gleaton was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. In June 2012, a 6-month-old child was taken to an area hospital with head injuries, including skull fractures. Gleaton was arrested after he told police that he was with the child at the time of the injury but gave varying stories about how the child was injured, none of which explained the child's injuries.

Lonnie Hooker, 38, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a child. Hooker was sentenced to 28-43 months in prison. When he is released from prison, Hooker must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Mlu Kopa, 29, pled guilty to 1) sexual activity by a substitute parent and 2) indecent liberties with a child. Kopa was sentenced to 48-127 months in prison. When he is released from prison, Kopa must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Miguelina Rosaldo, 33, pled guilty to attempted first-degree arson. Rosaldo was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Martin Flores, 40, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a child. Flores was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

Brian Dixon, 46, pled guilty to 1) second-degree arson and 2) felony cruelty to animals. Dixon was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Derontrez Coleman, 21, pled guilty to common law robbery. Coleman was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Kevin Moi, 19, pled guilty to common law robbery. Moi was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Dedrick Flowers, 19, pled guilty to common law robbery. Flowers was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Joshua Duggan, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Duggan was sentenced to 12-24 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.

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