

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Heroin traffickers sent to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Beginning Monday, August 20, 2012, and ending Monday, August 27, 2012, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 33 defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge, and The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to the active prison sentences of Quinton Jordan, 24, who received 26-32 months in prison for two counts of attempted trafficking in heroin, and Rudis Machuca, 45, who received 12-24 months in prison for trafficking in heroin.

*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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