

NEWS RELEASE

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Felons convicted for drug offenses

CHARLOTTE, NC – Beginning August 22, 2011, and ending August 29, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 59 defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans and The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judges. Convictions were for crimes that included possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia that is used to store and ingest drugs, and the trafficking of illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active time in prison.

Santiago Perez Duenas, age 55, pled guilty to one count of Attempted Trafficking in greater than 400 grams of Cocaine. Judge Evans sentenced Duenas to 60-81 months in prison.

Ricardo Reyes-Gonzalez, age 23, pled guilty to Conspiracy to Traffic in greater than 200 grams but less than 400 grams of Cocaine and two counts of Attempted Trafficking in greater than 28 grams but less than 200 grams of cocaine. Judge Evans sentenced him to 96-116 months in prison.

Jovany Delgado, age 20, pled guilty to Trafficking in greater than 200 grams but less than 400 grams of cocaine. Judge Boner sentenced him to 70-84 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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