

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team convicts 31; diversion offered to 12 defendatns

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 31 defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of August 20, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Shakor Daniels, 19, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Malik White, 20, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison.

In addition to these proceedings, the Crimes Against Property Team also enrolled defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years. Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since July 26, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled 12 defendants in this program.

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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