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## **Habitual Felons go to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-one defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, August 30, and Wednesday, August 31, 2011. Among those to plead guilty were:

Paul Wall, 42, pled guilty to 1) selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Wall was sentenced to 91-119 months in prison.

Steven Banner, 54, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) possessing burglary tools, and 3) larceny after breaking or entering. Banner was sentenced to 50-60 months in prison.

Timothy Gurley, 42, pled guilty to 1) selling cocaine and 2) possessing, with the intent to sell or deliver, cocaine. Gurley was sentenced to 45-54 months in prison.

Kenneth Williamson, 53, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Williamson was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

Linston Walker, 49, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Walker was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

Randall Ervin, 24, pled guilty to 1) possessing cocaine and 2) possessing, with the intent to sell or deliver, marijuana. Ervin was sentenced to 32-39 months in prison.

Anthony Hardesty, 22, pled guilty to 1) possessing, with the intent to sell or deliver, a controlled substance, and 2) maintaining a dwelling to sell or deliver a controlled substance. Hardesty was sentenced to 32-39 months in prison.

David McAlister, 43, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. McAlister was sentenced to 30-36 months in prison.

Haywood Faulkner, 40, pled guilty to failing to properly register as a sex offender. Faulkner was sentenced to 26-32 months in prison.

Joseph Cloud, 47, pled guilty to failing to properly register as a sex offender. Cloud was sentenced to 20-24 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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