

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 20 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 20 defendants September 3-6, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, 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 active prison sentences. Court was not held on September 2, 2013, in observance of Labor Day.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Armond Baker, 31, pled guilty to sale of cocaine. Judge Foust sentenced Baker to 15-27 months in prison. In May 2013, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police detectives working undercover made arrangements to buy cocaine from Baker. He was arrested after selling cocaine to the undercover officers.

Elsa Bohorquez-Ramirez, 27, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Foust sentenced Bohorquez-Ramirez to 13-25 months in prison.

Oscar Price, 39, pled guilty to two counts of sale of cocaine. Judge Foust sentenced Price 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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