

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team convicts 21 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 21 defendants September 9-11, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge. Eighteen of the defendants were sent to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law.

Among those convicted were:

Caleb James Moore, 23, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a firearm, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery and 3) being a habitual felon. Moore was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Moore has previous convictions for attempted common law robbery, felony breaking or entering and felony larceny.

Curtis Lamont Watson, 39, pled guilty to 1) uttering a forged instrument, 2) felony obtaining property by false pretense and 3) being a habitual felon. Watson was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Watson defrauded SunTrust Bank of more than \$5,000 by using forged checks and defrauded Costco of more than \$3,000 of goods using counterfeit checks. Some of Watson's prior convictions include four convictions for obtaining property by false pretenses, four convictions for uttering a forged instrument, three convictions for financial card theft and the federal offense of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Willie David Tolbert, 52, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) possession of burglary tools and 3) being a habitual felon. He was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Some of Tolbert's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods and financial card theft.

Myron Jarrall McRae, 34, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. McRae was sentenced to 35-54 months in prison. McRae had five prior convictions for larceny of a motor vehicle and a prior conviction as a habitual felon.

Kevin Larnell Glover, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Glover was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison. His prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon and two convictions for strong-arm robbery.

Darryl Eugene Turner, 44, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Turner was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Turner has

prior convictions that include felony breaking or entering, felony possession of a stolen vehicle and felony larceny of motor vehicle.

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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