

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Habitual Felon Team sends 9 defendants to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 13 defendants during the week of September 11, 2017. Nine of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Darius Sturghill, 26, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) malicious conduct by a prisoner and 3) being a habitual felon. Sturghill was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Sturghill's prior convictions include breaking or entering a motor vehicle, conspiracy to commit common law robbery and larceny after breaking or entering.

George Franklin Hill, 53, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Hill was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison. Hill's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, second-degree burglary and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Brandon Givens, 32, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest. Givens was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison. Givens' prior convictions include discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling, failure to register as a sex offender and indecent liberties with a child.

*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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