

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sex offenders among 42 convicted by DA's Crimes Against Persons Team**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 42 defendants September 16-20, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Alvin Smith, 55, pled guilty to attempted first-degree sex offense. Smith was sentenced to 115-198 months in prison. When Smith is released from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

John Turner, 44, pled guilty to 1) second-degree rape and 2) indecent liberties with a child. Turner was sentenced to 112-204 months in prison. After Turner is released from prison, he must participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

Don Johnson, 66, pled guilty to attempted first-degree sex offense. Johnson was sentenced to 101-182 months in prison. When Johnson is released from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Benjamin Jones, 52, pled guilty to 1) second-degree kidnapping and 2) strangulation. Jones was sentenced to 70-105 months in prison.

Quay Davis, 20, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Davis was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Glenn Jackson, 38, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Jackson was sentenced to 23-37 months in prison.

Geremias Santiago, 34, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Santiago was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Tony Combs, 24, pled guilty to common law robbery. Combs was sentenced to 13-25 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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