

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Habitual Felon Team sends 20 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty defendants were recently sent to prison by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. The team convicted a total of 26 defendants during the week of September 15, 2014. Some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were:

Antoine Eugene Jackson, 41, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Jackson was sentenced to 117-153 months in prison. After helping the victim start her car in February 2014, Jackson requested a ride. While in the car, Jackson brandished a gun and tried to take the victim's cellphone. A struggle ensued, and the victim wrecked the car. Jackson jumped out of the car with the victim's phone. Then, two people who witnessed the wreck chased Jackson and detained him until police arrived. Some of Jackson's prior convictions include indecent liberties with a child, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and common law robbery.

Mesiah Bell, 21, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) possession of cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Bell was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. Some of his prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, multiple counts of felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

Bradley Anderson, 44, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Anderson was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Some of Anderson's prior convictions include obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and obtaining property by false pretenses.

Kenneth Clyburn, 45, pled guilty to 1) three counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) three counts of being a habitual felon. Clyburn was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Clyburn's prior convictions include multiple counts of breaking or entering a 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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