

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 30 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of September 18, 2017. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and felony larceny.

Among the defendants convicted and sent to prison were:

James Murray, 20, pled guilty to 1) eight counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Murray was sentenced to 25-42 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Murray must wear an electronic monitor for 3 months after he is released from prison.

James Massey, 23, pled guilty to two counts of felony breaking or entering. Massey was sentenced to 16-38 months in prison.

Jaziyah Haigbea, 18, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) malicious conduct by a prisoner. Haigbea was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Andrew Flowers-Williams, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 3) second-degree burglary and 4) larceny after breaking or entering. Flowers-Williams was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Rashid Williams, 20, pled guilty to 1) five counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 3) larceny after breaking or entering and 4) contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. Williams was sentenced to a total of 10-30 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Jonathan Hunt, 32, pled guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle. Hunt was sentenced to 9-20 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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