

NEWS RELEASE

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52 defendants convicted of drug felonies

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Beginning September 19, 2011 and ending September 23, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 52 defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling, and trafficking illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to the active prison sentences of 70-84 months for Javier Cruz, 44, and Raymundo Riosvega, 22.

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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