

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Homicide Team convicts 5 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team convicted five defendants this week. Two of the defendants entered guilty pleas today in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge. Three other defendants pled guilty earlier this week before Judge Boner and The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards, Superior Court Judge.

Steven Johnson, 37, pled guilty today to felony death by vehicle. Johnson will be sentenced on October 16, 2013. In February 2013, Johnson was driving approximately 94 mph on Brookshire Boulevard in Charlotte when he rear-ended a vehicle being driven by Leslie Dahm, 66. Mr. Dahm died at the scene of the wreck. An analysis of Johnson's blood found the presence of cocaine. Johnson told police that he fell asleep at the wheel just before the crash.

Kewan Littlejohn, 19, pled guilty today to voluntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison. In February 2013, Littlejohn fatally stabbed Tyshawn Matthews, 22, following a physical altercation involving the victim, Littlejohn and Littlejohn's mother.

Among those who were convicted earlier this week were:

Nicholas Wright, 22, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the October 2011 murder of Aerial Patterson, 17. Judge Edwards sentenced Wright to 94-122 months in prison.

Eddie Vannick Doh, 24, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to first-degree murder in connection with the October 2011 murder of Aerial Patterson, 17. Judge Edwards sentenced Doh to 87-114 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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