

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 15 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 18 defendants during the week of October 9, 2017. Fifteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Dominique Ramone Richard, 37, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree kidnapping, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) being a habitual felon. Richard was sentenced to 75-102 months in prison. Richard's prior convictions include sale of cocaine, felony breaking or entering and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Jerry Ware, 56, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods and 4) being a habitual felon. Ware was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Ware's prior convictions include two counts of attempted common law robbery and common law robbery.

Gerniya Thomas, 32, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling and 2) being a habitual felon. Thomas was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Thomas' prior convictions include larceny of a motor vehicle, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Johnny Harris, 45, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Harris was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Harris' prior convictions include two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and delivering cocaine.

Dontavius Mills, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Mills was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Mills' prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and two counts of felony breaking or entering.

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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