

NEWS RELEASE

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Felons convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-three (43) defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, October 10 to Friday, October 14, 2011. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, false pretense, identity theft, and felony breaking and entering motor vehicle. Based on the structured sentencing laws of North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to an active prison sentence of 14-18 months for Gage Stitt, 21.

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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