

NEWS RELEASE

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Arsonist, armed robbers among 37 convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 37 defendants October 14-18, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Ryan Capps, 22, pled guilty to 1) first-degree arson and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Capps was sentenced to 73-100 months in prison.

Travis Gaither, 28, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) possession of cocaine, 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) breaking or entering. Gaither was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison.

Devin Johnson, 21, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Johnson was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Timothy Frazier, 22, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Frazier was sentenced to 52-75 months in prison.

D'marrion Gilmore, 16, pled guilty to 1) four counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) discharging a firearm into occupied property. Gilmore was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

Edrow Reed, 25, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) two counts of assault on a government officer. Reed was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Johnny Hawkins, 60, pled guilty to fraudulently burning one's own dwelling. Hawkins was sentenced to 6-17 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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