

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 20 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Heroin traffickers and felons in illegal possession of guns were among the 25 defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. Twenty of those defendants were sent to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of October 13, 2014, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Arthur Leak, 41, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Leak was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. Some of Leak's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of cocaine.

Jason Guest, 31, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Guest was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. Some of Guest's prior convictions include selling cocaine, breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

Duval Aisameen Barber, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Barber was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Some of Barber's prior convictions include possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and selling cocaine.

Anton'e Dominic Sloan, 34, pled guilty to 1) selling heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. Sloan was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison. Among Sloan's prior convictions are multiple convictions for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Mark Robert Kirkpatrick, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Kirkpatrick was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison. Some of Kirkpatrick's prior convictions include robbery and 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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