

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team convicts 32 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-two defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, October 15 through Thursday, October 19, 2012. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included failing to register as a sex offender, first degree burglary, felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, larceny of a firearm, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, obtaining property by false pretense, embezzlement and financial transaction card theft. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to 73-100 months in prison.

Active sentences included:

Reginald Davis, 19, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first degree burglary, 2) six counts of felony larceny of a motor vehicle, 3) felony larceny of a firearm and 4) attempted larceny of a motor vehicle. Judge Morgan sentenced Davis to 73-100 months in prison.

Terrance Derrell Lee, 22, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) three counts of felony larceny after breaking and entering. Lee also admitted to being a habitual breaking and entering status offender, having been previously convicted of felony breaking and entering in September, 2008. Judge Morgan sentenced him to 26-44 months in prison.

Rico Adams, 34, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Judge Morgan sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison. Adams was required to register as a result of his November 9, 2011 conviction for indecent liberties with a child in Iredell County.

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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