

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual felon Amy Robinson pleads guilty to identity theft and other offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Amy Robinson, 43, pled guilty today to identity theft, being a habitual felon and other offenses. Robinson entered her guilty plea in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Robinson pled guilty to 1) identity theft, 2) forgery, 3) uttering a forged instrument, 4) five counts of obtaining property by false pretenses and 5) being a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced her to 108-142 months in prison.

Robinson was scheduled for trial in July but failed to appear in court after reportedly faking her drowning at the South Carolina coast. An order for her arrest was issued, and she turned herself in to authorities within days. Her trial date was then set for November 3, 2014, but she indicated this week that she wanted to plead guilty. After consulting with the victim, the State allowed Robinson to plead guilty this week.



Amy Robinson

During the summer of 2012, Robinson befriended the victim, who loaned Robinson money until eventually the victim told Robinson that she would not give her any more funds. Then, Robinson forged one of the victim's checks and cashed it for \$500. Robinson also took bank routing information from the victim's checks and used that information to pay for credit card and utility bills and purchases on Amazon.com, spending thousands of dollars from the victim's bank account.

Robinson's prior convictions include obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and multiple counts of obtaining property by false pretenses.

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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