

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Property Team convicts 37 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 37 defendants October 28-31, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included burglary, breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses and breaking or entering motor vehicles. Based on structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

The following defendants were among those who pled guilty:

Marcus Holloway, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering and 3) interfering with an electronic monitoring device. Judge Evans sentenced Holloway to 9-21 months in prison for those offenses. Also, Holloway admitted to violations of his probationary sentences for previous felony larceny of a motor vehicle and uttering forged instrument convictions. Judge Evans activated Holloway's suspended sentences and ordered that he serve 16-29 months in prison.

Orlandus Morris, 23, pled guilty to 1) second-degree burglary, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony conspiracy, 4) assault on a government official and 5) resisting a public officer. He was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Trevor Werts, 20, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Werts was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1,050 in restitution.

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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