

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Prosecution Team sends traffickers to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Beginning Monday, October 29, 2012, and ending Friday, November 2, 2012, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 33 defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to the active prison sentences of Juan Augustin Lopez, 34, who received 70-84 months in prison for conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and Fabian Cabrales, 35, who received 70-84 months in prison for trafficking in heroin.

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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