

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts 41 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a recent week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 41 defendants. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Athena F. Brooks, Superior Court Judge, during the week of October 21, 2019.

Among those convicted were:

Nico Ekenedo, 19, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to a total of 89-131 months in prison.

Mark Williams, 32, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison.

Jason Featherstone, 30, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) felony larceny. He was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison.

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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