

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sex offenders and other violent felons convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-four defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 from Monday, November 7, 2011 through Thursday, November 10, 2011. Among those to plead guilty were:

Gennadiy Rizhkov, 31, pled guilty to second degree sex offense. Rizhkov was sentenced to 44-62 months in prison.

Renee Portillo, 22, pled guilty to taking indecent liberties with a child. Portillo was sentenced to 10-12 months in prison.

Terry Clay, 21, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Clay was sentenced to 26-41 months in prison.

Andre Staton, 22, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Staton was sentenced to 13-16 months in prison.

Keshia Newton, 28, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Newton was sentenced to 10-12 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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