

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 16 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team recently convicted 22 defendants, including drug traffickers and a thief. Sixteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges, during the week of November 28, 2016.

Among those convicted were:

Robert Jermaine Johnson, 45, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) attempted breaking or entering, 4) conspiracy to commit breaking or entering and 5) being a habitual felon. Judge Ervin sentenced Johnson to 120-156 months in prison. Johnson's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and multiple counts of felony breaking or entering.

Kenneth Lamarrick Grier, 46, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) attempted trafficking in methamphetamine by possession and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Ervin sentenced Grier to 120-153 months in prison. Grier's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, felony possession of stolen goods and financial card theft.

Ulysees Ware, 59, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Ervin sentenced Ware to 96-128 months in prison. Ware's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin, felony larceny and conspiracy to sell or deliver heroin.

Everett Gladney, 52, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced Gladney to 88-108 months in prison. Gladney's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and multiple counts of possession of cocaine.

Gregory Stewart, 45, pled guilty to 1) attempted common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Ervin sentenced Stewart to 77-105 months in prison. Stewart's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony breaking or entering and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

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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