

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 51 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 51 defendants of property crimes during the week of December 2, 2013. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans and The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judges. The convictions were for crimes that included 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, the defendants' sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Zerrell Fuentes, 19, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) three counts of felony larceny and 3) possession of a stolen vehicle. Fuentes was sentenced to 12-34 months in prison.

Anthony Hunt, 26, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. Hunt was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Jason Evans, 20, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to sell marijuana and 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Evans was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. He was also ordered to pay \$35 in restitution to the victim and reimburse the state \$600 for a lab fee.

Terrence Morgan, 21, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Morgan was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Josh Varnadore, 17, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny of a motor vehicle. Varnadore was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Teaquesha Hopkins, 24, pled guilty to three counts of obtaining property by false pretenses. Hopkins was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Christopher Jones, 18, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Jones was sentenced to 5-15 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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