

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 20 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Defendants who committed break-ins were among the 23 defendants convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team during the week of November 30, 2015. Twenty of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Andre Lamar Hampton, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Hampton was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Some of Hampton's previous convictions include felony breaking or entering, felony flee to elude arrest and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Ronald Shoats, 25, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 3) sale of marijuana and 4) being a habitual felon. Shoats was sentenced to 64-89 months in prison. Some of Shoats' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Mario Phillips Steele, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of a schedule I controlled substance, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Steele was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Some of Steele's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Billy Jenkins Worrock, 41, pled guilty to 1) felony hit and run, 2) felony serious injury by vehicle and 3) driving while impaired. Worrock was sentenced to 50-88 months in prison. Some of Worrock's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, obtaining property by false pretenses and felony possession of stolen goods.

Barry Alsbrooks, 43, pled guilty to 1) attempted felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Alsbrooks was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Some of Alsbrooks' prior convictions include felony larceny, larceny of a motor vehicle and felony breaking or entering.

Bryan Oxendine, 46, pled guilty to 1) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender, 2) second-degree burglary and 3) two counts of a domestic violence protective order violation. Oxendine was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Oxendine's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering, assault on a female and stalking.

John Michael Yin, 32, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Yin was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Yin's prior convictions include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and larceny of a motor vehicle.

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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