

NEWS RELEASE

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Robbers, felons with guns among 33 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-three defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of December 1, 2014. The defendants, who were convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Among those sent to prison were:

Odell Smallwood, 32, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Smallwood was sentenced to 57-81 months in prison.

Antonio Stukes, 24, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Stukes was sentenced to 50-82 months in prison.

Marquez Gregory, 18, pled guilty to second-degree sex offense. Gregory was sentenced to 45-114 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Gregory must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Xzavin Sutton, 24, pled guilty to second-degree kidnapping. Sutton was sentenced to 26-44 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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