

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts heroin traffickers, others

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – From December 3, 2012 to December 7, 2012, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 38 defendants in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs.

Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to the active prison sentences of Alessandro Thompson, 39, who received 60-72 months in prison for trafficking in heroin, conspiracy to traffic in heroin, sale of heroin, delivery of heroin and possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin; and Chad Hatcher, 28, who received 40-57 months in prison for trafficking in heroin.

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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