

NEWS RELEASE

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Armed robbers among 40 convicted by DA's Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty defendants, including armed robbers, pled guilty December 7-10, 2015, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants, who were prosecuted 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 convicted and sent to prison were:

Ramon Wilson, 31, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) second-degree kidnapping, 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 5) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 6) three counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Wilson was sentenced to 84-113 months in prison.

Ronika Bell, 29, pled guilty to four counts of felony child abuse. Bell was sentenced to 60-108 months in prison.

Elwood Williams, 31, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Williams was sentenced to 48-70 months in prison.

Filiberto Vazquez-Perez, 32, pled guilty to three counts of indecent liberties with a child. Vazquez-Perez was sentenced to 39-75 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Vazquez-Perez must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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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