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## Habitual Felon Team sends 10 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 13 defendants during the week of December 3, 2018. Ten of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Janelle Springs, 35, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Springs was sentenced to 225-282 months in prison. Undercover detectives from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department met Springs in May 2017. On multiple occasions during the next several months, Springs sold undercover detectives various narcotics including fentanyl, cocaine and heroin. On one occasion, Springs cautioned an undercover detective to be careful using the narcotics because he knew two people had died after using the drugs. Springs was arrested after he sold 658 grams of heroin to officers.

Derrick Adams, 39, pled guilty to 1) three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) common law robbery and 3) being a habitual felon. Adams was sentenced to 182-231 months in prison. Adams' prior convictions include felony assault on a handicapped person, conspiracy to commit common law robbery and failure to register as a sex offender. In February and March 2017, Adams and his co-conspirators robbed three convenient stores. In each robbery, Adams approached the clerk, produced a weapon and demanded money and cigarettes. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police circulated photos from surveillance footage of the robberies and received several leads, allowing police to develop Adams as a suspect.

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