

NEWS RELEASE

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Heroin trafficker among 37 convicted of drug crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of December 11, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 37 defendants, including a heroin trafficker. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, 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 active prison sentences.

Among the defendants convicted and sent to prison were:

Javon Goldson, 36, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Goldson was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. In March 2017, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police observed Goldson take part in a drug transaction. Upon his arrest and a search of his person, detectives found more than 8 grams of heroin, as well as cocaine. When detectives searched Goldson's apartment, they discovered 111 grams of heroin, additional cocaine, multiple firearms and \$17,000.

Ervin Jones, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) sale of cocaine. Jones was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Jakieran Harris, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) sale of cocaine, 3) delivery of cocaine and 4) two counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver. Harris was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. Harris was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Sarah Burnett, 32, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Burnett was sentenced to 8-19 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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