

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Property Team convicts 30

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of December 12, 2016. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, obtaining property by false pretense and identity theft.

Among the defendants who were convicted were:

Jamal Moore, 17, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. He was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison. In August 2016, a neighbor noticed a car pull in front of her Charlotte residence. She continued to watch and then saw a man wearing a wool jacket exit the car, pull gloves onto his hands and enter the victim's townhome. The neighbor immediately notified police. Officers arrived at the home and found a broken rear window and noted that property from inside the home appeared as if it had been placed into two large bags by the back door. Moore was found hiding behind a tree in the victim's backyard. When officers searched him, they found the victim's jewelry, which had been stolen from the residence.

Jesse Cobb, 35, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Patrick McCray, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Tyere Grant, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Akerion Smith, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Eric Love, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) assault on a female and 3) assault on a government official. He was sentenced to 6-17 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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