

NEWS RELEASE

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Perfume thief among 38 convicted by Crimes Against Property Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 38 defendants during the week of December 14, 2015. The defendants pled guilty to property crimes in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, embezzlement, uttering a forged instrument, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, habitual misdemeanor larceny and financial transaction card theft.

Among the defendants sent to prison were:

Toby Phifer, 41, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison. In May 2015, Phifer entered a Walgreens store on Sardis Road North in Charlotte and concealed 14 boxes of designer perfume, which were valued at more than \$1,100, under his jacket. He then exited the store without paying for any of the merchandise. When officers attempted to approach him, Phifer tried to flee on foot but was apprehended on Monroe Road. Phifer has multiple prior convictions for misdemeanor larceny.

Gary Alston, 26, pled guilty to 1) three counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) possession of a stolen firearm. He was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison.

Khalil Mathis, 18, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a conceal weapon. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Virgil Patterson, 47, pled guilty to five counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Pressley Davis, 22, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Terraries Thomas, 21, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Daiquan Robertson, 21, pled guilty to possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Frontez McKinney, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 5-15 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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