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## Violent Crimes Team convicts 29 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 29 defendants during the week of December 17, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were:

Altadairus Flowe, 23, pled guilty to 1) five counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced Flowe to 71-98 months in prison.

George Gause, 31, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in opium by possession, 2) felony larceny and 3) felony flee to elude arrest. Judge Archie sentenced Gause to 70-93 months in prison and imposed a \$50,000 fine.

Quashawn Jarrell, 27, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Archie sentenced Jarrell to 60-84 months in prison.

Jamiel Blackwell, 21, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Archie sentenced Blackwell to 38-58 months in prison.

Dominique Gantt, 25, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Viser sentenced Gantt to 26-44 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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