

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Habitual felons convicted, sent to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-seven defendants entered guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Thirty-three of them were sentenced to prison; some were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, January 10, Wednesday, January 11 and Friday, January 13, 2012.

Among those convicted were:

Anthony Collins, 38, pled guilty to 1) delivering cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Collins was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison. Some of Collins' prior convictions include indecent liberties with a child, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Michael Conway, 43, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Conway was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison. Conway has prior convictions in New York, New Jersey, and North Carolina, including three burglaries, four common law robberies, escape, and assault.

Gino Graham, 43, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Graham was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison. Graham's prior criminal record includes over thirty burglary, breaking or entering, and larceny convictions.

Ronald Cunningham, 41, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver and 2) being a habitual felon. Cunningham was sentenced to 76-101 months in prison. Some of Cunningham's prior convictions include possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver, sell cocaine, assault on a female, and violation of a domestic violence protective order.

Amad Cousar, 42, pled guilty to three counts of obtaining property by false pretense. Cousar was sentenced to 56-68 months in prison. Some of Cousar's prior convictions include common law robbery, first-degree kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Otha Lowe, 38, pled guilty to conspiring to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Lowe was sentenced to 48-67 months in prison.

Ricky Propst, 41, pled guilty to two counts of felony breaking or entering. Propst was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

Jonathan Kelly, 29, pled guilty to 1) sell cocaine and 2) possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver. Kelly was sentenced to 36-44 months in prison.

Jarius Stevenson, 26, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Stevenson was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Jack Ferrell, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) safecracking. Ferrell was sentenced to 30-37 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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