

NEWS RELEASE

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Special Victims Team convicts 7 offenders

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Seven defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Special Victims Team, pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of January 8, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Esteban Vidal-Montejo, 60, pled guilty to 1) attempted statutory sexual offense with a child and 2) indecent liberties with a child. Vidal-Montejo was sentenced to 94-173 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Vidal-Montejo must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jerrell Brandon, 29, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a child. Brandon was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Brandon must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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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