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## **Man sent to prison for trafficking heroin**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team opened the year 2020 by securing convictions of 36 defendants during the week of February 3, 2020. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas to crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among those convicted was Tyler Andujar. Andujar, 21, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. As mandated under North Carolina's trafficking laws, Judge Viser sentenced Andujar to 70-93 months in prison.

In January 2019, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police stopped Andujar's vehicle for traffic violations. The officers detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked for consent to search Andujar. He granted consent, and police found \$3,000 in his front pocket. In a subsequent search of his vehicle, police located a bag that contained approximately 7.5 grams of heroin and other drugs. During an interview, Andujar admitted that the drugs belonged to him. When police executed a search warrant at Andujar's house, they located additional drugs and several firearms. Judge Viser ordered that the suspected drug money seized in the investigation be given to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

*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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