

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts 27 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-seven defendants who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team pled guilty in Superior Court during the week of February 5, 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:

Darius Edwards, 21, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Edwards was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison.

Carlos Solorzano, 17, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle and 2) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Solorzano was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Joseph Teah, 19, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Teah was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison.

Raekwon Lee, 21, pled guilty to two counts of common law robbery. Lee was sentenced to 13-25 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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