

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 15 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 17 defendants during the week of February 20, 2017. Fifteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Carl Bradford, 56, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Bradford was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Bradford's prior convictions include multiple counts of both felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

William James Harris, 52, pled guilty to 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Harris was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Harris' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and multiple counts of larceny of a motor vehicle.

Laverture Scott, 55, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) habitual larceny and 3) being a habitual felon. Scott was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Scott's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering and multiple counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Alfred William Fowler, Jr., 50, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) being a habitual felon. Fowler was sentenced to 76-104 months in prison. Fowler's prior convictions include voluntary manslaughter, common law robbery and attempted common law robbery.

Jose Enrique Rivera, 48, pled guilty to 1) larceny from the person and 2) being a habitual felon. Rivera was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Rivera's prior convictions include multiple counts of burglary of a conveyance.

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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