

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Habitual Felon Team sends 13 offenders to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 14 defendants during the week of February 19, 2018. Thirteen 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:

Asa Drakeford, 36, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Drakeford was sentenced to 87-117 months in prison. Drakeford's prior convictions include two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Russell Thomas, Jr., 56, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. Thomas was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Thomas' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and felony larceny.

Cheri Weber, 32, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. Weber was sentenced to 55-78 months in prison. Weber's prior convictions include felony larceny, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and larceny of a motor vehicle.

Emery Hamilton, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny, 2) financial transaction card theft and 3) being a habitual felon. Hamilton was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison. Hamilton's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering.

Anthony Mobley, 59, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) felony larceny. Mobley was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison. Mobley's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver a counterfeit controlled substance, larceny from the person and possession of cocaine.

Anthony Graham, 45, pled guilty to 1) attempted felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Graham was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison. Graham's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony breaking or entering.

*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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