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## Man sent to prison for property crimes, including break-in when teen was home

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of February 17, 2020, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 32 defendants in Superior Court. Among them was a man who committed multiple property crimes, including a break-in at a home where a teenager was present. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Those convicted include:

Phidel Tukes, 20, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary, 2) second-degree burglary, 3) breaking or entering a place of worship, 4) felony breaking or entering, 5) five counts of felony larceny and 6) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Tukes was sentenced to 70-96 months in prison. These charges represent seven separate incidents. In one incident, Tukes broke into a house while a 15-year-old girl was home. She hid after she awoke and saw Tukes in the kitchen. Police discovered Tuke's fingerprints on a box in the home.

Chase McNeil, 19, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. McNeil was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Dealyun Miller, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony larceny and 2) four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Miller was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Jyjuan Jackson, 26, pled guilty to corporate malfeasance. He was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. He was also ordered to pay \$23,856.39 in restitution.

*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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