

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Crimes Against Property Team convicts 19; provides diversion opportunity to others

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Nineteen defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of March 26, 2018. The convictions were for crimes such as breaking or entering and felony larceny. The proceedings, which were led by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, were held in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Vincent Nardini, 33, pled guilty to two counts of identity theft. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Daquan McFadden, 22, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Elias Francis, 20, pled guilty to two counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

In addition to these proceedings, the Crimes Against Property Team also enrolled defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years. Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since March 6, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled 17 defendants in this program.

*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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