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## **Habitual Felon Team sends 8 defendants to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 10 defendants during the week of April 1, 2019. Eight of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Eric Moore, 47, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in opium or heroin by possession, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Moore was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Moore's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

William Baldwin, 41, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Baldwin was sentenced to 65-90 months in prison. Baldwin's prior convictions include two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Rhonda Pruitt, 43, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) being a habitual felon. Pruitt was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Pruitt's prior convictions include attempting to obtain controlled substances by forgery or fraud, possession of a schedule II controlled substance and second-degree burglary.

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