

NEWS RELEASE

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Eighteen criminals sent to prison in 2 days

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty defendants entered guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Eighteen of them were sent to prison; three of the twenty defendants were not habitual felons under North Carolina law. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, April 3, and Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

Among those convicted were:

Dwayne Barlow, 41, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Barlow was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison. Some of Barlow's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon and common law robbery.

Marco Brown, 32, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin, 2) deliver heroin, 3) possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver heroin and 4) being a habitual felon. Brown was sentenced to 76-101 months in prison. Some of Brown's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of cocaine.

Maurice Redmond, 31, pled guilty to 1) three counts of felony larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 3) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Redmond was sentenced to 66-80 months in prison. Some of Redmond's prior convictions include two counts of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, felony breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Elmore Pettus, 45, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Pettus was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison. Some of Pettus' prior convictions include possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Nathaniel Flood, Jr., 29, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Flood was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison. Flood's prior criminal record includes four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Elijah Black, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 3) larceny after breaking or entering and 4) being a habitual felon. Black was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison. Some of Blacks' prior convictions include assault inflicting serious injury and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Billy Hill Jr., 49, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) obtaining property by false pretense. Hill was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison. Some of Hill's prior convictions include two counts of common law robbery, larceny by trick 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.

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