

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts 35 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-five defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team, pled guilty in Superior Court during the week of April 2, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Chris Ardrey, 22, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Ardrey was sentenced to 48-70 months in prison.

Darnell Simms, 32, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Simms was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison.

Bruce Little, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Little was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison.

Jerry Aguilar, 19, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) misdemeanor larceny. Aguilar was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

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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