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## Violent Crimes Team convicts 20 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted 20 defendants during the week of April 15, 2019. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judges. Mecklenburg County courts were closed April 19, 2019, in observance of Good Friday.

Among those convicted were:

Shawn Alston, 41, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Alston was sentenced to 89-119 months in prison.

Demarshea Redfern, 18, pled guilty to 1) three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Redfern was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Melvin Jones, 41, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Jones was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison.

Marquis Smith, 17, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Smith was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Antonio Logan, 40, pled guilty to three counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Logan was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Roy Hedman, 23, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Hedman was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Angel Johnson, 26, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Johnson was sentenced to 6-17 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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