

NEWS RELEASE

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Sex offender convicted of stealing from cancer patients at childrens' hospital

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Charles Hinton, 47, was tried by the DA's Habitual Felon Team for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, 3) misdemeanor injury to personal property, 4) the felony of being a sex offender unlawfully on premises intended primarily for the use, care, or supervision of minors and 5) being a habitual felon.

The jury found Hinton guilty of all three felonies and guilty of being a habitual felon; further, the jury found the existence of aggravating factors alleged by the State.

Hinton broke into a section of the Levine Childrens' Hospital in December of 2010 and stole video game systems and other devices that were used by the hospitalized children while they received treatment for cancer.

Today, the Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Hinton to 254-324 months (approximately 21-27 years) in prison.

Some, but not all, of Hinton's prior convictions included rape and burglary in the state of New York and breaking or entering a motor vehicle, larceny, and indecent liberties with a child in the state of North Carolina.

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Charles Hinton