

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 10 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 12 defendants during the week of April 16, 2018. Ten of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Rayshawn Black, 27, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) being a habitual felon. Black was sentenced to 109-156 months in prison. Black's prior convictions include felony larceny, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and felony breaking or entering.

Denard Guy, 37, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) being a habitual felon. Guy was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. Guy's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Barry Bishop, 39, pled guilty to 1) ethnic intimidation, 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) being a habitual felon. Bishop was sentenced to 88-118 months in prison. Bishop's prior convictions include felony larceny, felonious restraint and indecent liberties with a child.

Roderick Duckworth, 43, pled guilty to 1) larceny from the person and 2) being a habitual felon. Duckworth was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison. Duckworth's prior convictions include two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and sex offense by a person in a parental role.

Jermaine Lewis, 37, pled guilty to 1) attempted felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Lewis was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Lewis' prior convictions include three counts of 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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