

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Thieves among 30 convicted of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 30 defendants May 5-9, 2014. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included organized retail theft, breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, obtaining property by false pretenses, and breaking or entering motor vehicles. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Marlow Johnson, 26, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) four counts of felony larceny, 3) three counts of felony possession of stolen goods, 4) resisting an officer and 5) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Johnson was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Jeremy Cromer, 26, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Cromer was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Channing Banks, 20, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) resisting an officer. Banks was sentenced to 8-19 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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