

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team convicts 26 defendants of drug offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 26 defendants during the week of May 6, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Walter Bailes, 30, pled guilty to conspiracy to traffic in heroin by sale. He was sentenced to 34-41 months in prison.

Stacy McKinney, 28, pled guilty to conspiracy to traffic in heroin by sale. She was sentenced to 30-36 months in prison.

Roscoe Brown, 25, pled guilty to sale of cocaine. Judge Lewis sentenced Brown to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Brown must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. In November 2012, Brown sold \$20 worth of crack cocaine to an undercover Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer.

Herbert Mitchell, 29, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in marijuana by possession. Judge Lewis sentenced Mitchell to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Mitchell must be confined to 6 months of electronic house arrest.

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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