

NEWS RELEASE

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32 defendants convicted of drug crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team recently convicted 32 defendants of drug offenses. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of May 18, 2015, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Scottie Friday, 37, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Friday was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Friday must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Luther Caudle, 64, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in marijuana by transportation. Caudle was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one condition of his probation, Caudle must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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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