

NEWS RELEASE

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16 convicted of property crimes; diversion opportunity provided to 18

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Sixteen defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of May 21, 2018, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, were convicted of crimes such as felony breaking or entering and felony larceny.

Among those convicted were:

Julian Whiteside, 21, pled guilty to two counts of larceny of a motor vehicle. He also admitted to violating his probation for a previous conviction. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Jeremiah Brice, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny and 2) conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering. He also admitted to violating his probation for a previous conviction. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Noah Perkins, 19, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) larceny of a motor vehicle and 3) two counts of misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

In addition to these proceedings, the Crimes Against Property Team also enrolled defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years.

Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since May 1, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team has enrolled 18 defendants in this program.

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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