

NEWS RELEASE

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33 violent felons convicted, including 2 for child sex offenses

CHARLOTTE, NC – Thirty-three defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 from Monday, June 6, through Friday, June 10, 2011; among them were:

Christopher Foster, 22, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 4) felony flee to elude. Foster was sentenced to 77-102 months in prison.

Vernon Hayes, 24, pled guilty to 1) felonious restraint, 2) assault by strangulation, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 4) assault on a female, and 5) communicating threats. Hayes was sentenced to 32-39 months in prison.

William Nance, 25, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) first degree burglary, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) conspiracy to commit first degree burglary. Nance was sentenced to 111-143 months in prison.

Marvin Alexander, 52, pled guilty to attempted second degree rape of a child. Alexander was sentenced to 38-55 months in prison.

Jerome Harris, 38, pled guilty to attempted second degree sex offense on a child. Harris was sentenced to 73-97 months in prison.

Josiah Knox, 18, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Knox was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison.

Sammie Davis, 22, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Davis was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

As previously reported in a separate news release, Troy Catoe, 38, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer, 2) two counts of felony speeding to elude, 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 4) breaking and/or entering a motor vehicle, 5) misdemeanor hit & run and 6) misdemeanor larceny. Catoe also admitted his status as an habitual felon. Catoe was sentenced to 146-185 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.

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