

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 38 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – From Monday, June 25, 2012, through Friday, June 29, 2012, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted 38 defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, 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 the active prison sentences of Joseph Peeler, 34, and Dequan Gilmore, 31, who each received 35-42 months for trafficking in cocaine.

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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