

NEWS RELEASE

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28 defendants convicted of property crimes; diversion offered to 14 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 28 defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of June 25, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Ervin Wingo, 22, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison.

Dalton Walker, 25, pled guilty to felony habitual larceny. He was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Remington Workman, 33, pled guilty to 1) seven counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) financial card theft, 3) unlawful obtaining of a credit card, 4) felony larceny, and 5) misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison and will be placed on supervised probation for two years upon his release from prison.

Terraries Thomas, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. He was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison.

Emmanuel Burns, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Zahria Duncan, 22, pled guilty to 1) obtaining property by false pretenses, 2) felony financial card fraud and 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. She was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Travaile Speller, 47, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Dennis Graham, 31, pled guilty to four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

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 29, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled 14 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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