

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Violent Crimes Team convicts 18 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted eighteen defendants during the week of July 2, 2018. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Nicholas Robinson, 23, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced Robinson to 33-52 months in prison.

Michael Smith, 25, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 4) discharging a firearm into occupied property. Judge Bell sentenced Smith to 84-113 months in prison.

Decarlo Mackey, 21, pled guilty to 1) four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced Mackey to 72-99 months in prison.

Stephanie Rhone, 50, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Judge Bell sentenced Rhone to 44-58 months in prison.

Maurice Williams, 35, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Bell sentenced Williams to 48-70 months in prison.

Terrence Miles, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced Miles to 23-40 months in prison.

Pedro Chinchilla, 19, pled guilty to 1) nine counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Judge Bell sentenced Chinchilla to 137-189 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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