

NEWS RELEASE

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39 defendants convicted of drug offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 39 defendants July 14-19, 2014. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, 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 active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Jesse Carreon, 18, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Carreon was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. In February 2014, officers observed Carreon engaging in drug-related transactions. When Charlotte-Mecklenburg police approached Carreon, he admitted to possessing and selling heroin.

Josuy Rodriguez, 24, pled guilty to trafficking in cocaine by possession. Rodriguez was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Richard McIntyre, 30, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in hydrocodone by possession. McIntyre was sentenced to 26-41 months in prison.

David Moss, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) possession of cocaine. Moss was sentenced to 15-27 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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