

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team sends heroin traffickers to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Heroin traffickers were among the 25 defendants convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team during the week of July 20, 2015. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, 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 were sent to prison were:

Carlos Delgadillo-Garcia, 21, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Delgadillo-Garcia was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. In January 2014, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer stopped Delgadillo-Garcia for a traffic infraction. Upon approaching Delgadillo-Garcia's vehicle, the officer saw heroin in the defendant's lap. Fifty-nine balloons of heroin were later recovered from Delgadillo-Garcia's vehicle.

Francisco Rodriguez-Carillo, 27, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by transportation and 2) sale of heroin. Rodriguez-Carillo was sentenced to 80-114 months in prison.

Edgar Barrios, 20, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Barrios was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison.

Robert Dixon, 34, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Dixon was sentenced to 29-47 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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