

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Habitual Felon Team sends 10 defendants to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 14 defendants the week of July 16, 2018 in administrative courtroom 5350. Ten of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered guilty pleas before the Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Clyde McClelland Jr., 46, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering 2) felony breaking or entering a place of worship, 3) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced McClelland to 77-105 months in prison. McClelland's prior convictions include three counts of felony breaking or entering.

Gerard Jordan, 41, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Jordan was sentenced to 76-104 months in prison. Jordan's prior convictions include three counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Rico Harrill, 34, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Harrill to 76-104 months in prison. Harrill's prior convictions include two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and felony breaking or entering.

Brandon Harmon, 32, pled guilty to 1) attempt to commit felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Harmon to 30-48 months in prison. Harmon's prior convictions include felony possession of cocaine, felony possession of stolen goods and felony breaking or entering.

*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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