

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist sentenced to 30 years in prison; 41 others also enter guilty pleas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-two defendants, including a rapist who will spend 30 years in prison, were convicted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of July 31, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge. Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Tenedrick Strudwick, 21, pled guilty to 1) first-degree rape, 2) first-degree kidnapping and 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon. Strudwick was sentenced to a total of 360-516 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Strudwick must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

William Byrd Thompson, 37, pled guilty to 1) second-degree sex offense and 2) financial card theft. Thompson was sentenced to 140-228 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Thompson must register as sex offender for 30 years.

Marquee Phillips, 25, pled guilty to attempted statutory rape of a child 15 years of age or younger. Phillips was sentenced to 120-204 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Phillips must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jason Farmer, 20, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Farmer was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Rickey Perry, 39, pled guilty to second-degree sex offense. Perry was sentenced to 57-129 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Perry must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Derrick Pettus, 32, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) embezzlement. Pettus was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Robert Singletary, 19, pled guilty to 1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) assault inflicting physical injury on a police officer. Singletary was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison.

Young Sok, 22, pled guilty to two counts of second-degree kidnapping. Sok was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison.

Lisa Laskowski, 21, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) four counts of identity theft and 3) larceny of a motor vehicle. Laskowski was sentenced to 26-44 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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