

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 34 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 34 defendants in Superior Court during the week of July 29, 2019. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Tony Holmes, 28, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender and 3) larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison.

Tabari Grant, 22, pled guilty to 1) five counts of felony habitual misdemeanor larceny, 2) two counts of felony financial card fraud, 3) two counts of financial card theft, 4) felony larceny and 5) misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison.

Lashawn Wilds, 20, pled guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

The Crimes Against Property Team also offers first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, the opportunity to earn a dismissal through a conditional discharge of the offense. These defendants comply with probation for about two years and must meet other conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant complies and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the offense is granted. During the week of July 29, 2019, the Crimes Against Property Team offered one defendant the opportunity for a conditional discharge.

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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