

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team convicts thirty-one defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team convicted thirty-one defendants during the week of August 27, 2018. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Kevin Stevenson, 26, pled guilty to 1) first degree burglary and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Stevenson was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison.

Brandon James, 30, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) common law robbery, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. James was sentenced to 56-80 months in prison.

George Whitley, 19, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Whitley was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

George Rivens, 32, pled guilty to 1) discharging a firearm within an enclosure to incite fear and 2) attempted trafficking of cocaine. Rivens was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison followed by a 15-27 month prison sentence that was suspended for 24 months of supervised probation.

Ebonee Ward, 31, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Ward was sentenced to 15-30 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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