

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Habitual Felon Team sends 11 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of September 21, 2015, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 17 defendants. Eleven of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were:

Arthur Calvin Smith, 58, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Smith was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Some of Smith's prior convictions include breaking or entering, larceny and uttering a forged instrument.

Donte Deon McManus, 36, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) sale of cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. McManus was sentenced to 66-92 months in prison. Some of McManus' prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Alex Gill, 55, pled guilty to 1) felony attempted breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Gill was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Gill's prior convictions include sale of cocaine and two convictions for felony breaking or entering.

Ladamion Wright, 38, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to sell a counterfeit controlled substance and 2) being a habitual felon. Wright was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Wright's prior convictions include attempted first-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and common law robbery.

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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