

NEWS RELEASE

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23 convicted of property crimes; fingerprints lead to break-in suspect's conviction

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Twenty-three defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of October 3, 2016. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, possession of stolen goods, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, financial transaction card theft and exploitation of a disabled or elder adult.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Gemini Hood, 20, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison. In March 2016, the victim returned to his residence to find that his kitchen window had been smashed and that three televisions, two laptop computers, jewelry and an amplifier were missing. The victim also reported that several old cellphones, which no longer worked, had been moved. Crime scene officers responded to the scene and were able to recover fingerprints from the cellphones. Those fingerprints were later determined to match Hood.

Daniel Moore, 31, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) common law robbery. He was sentenced to 24-48 months in prison.

Johan Sloan, 27, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) five counts of larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 14-36 months in prison.

Jeremy Thrasher, 19, pled guilty to two counts of felony possession of stolen goods. He was sentenced to 7-18 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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