

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **2 convicted of felony drug offenses**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted two defendants during the week of October 7, 2019. Before their cases were called for trial, the defendants entered guilty pleas before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Dustin Harp, 28, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Judge Evans sentenced Harp to a total of 40-66 months in prison. In November 2017, after receiving information that Harp was involved in heroin sales, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police executed a search warrant on Harp's residence. Officers seized more than 11 grams of heroin from the home.

Thomas Whitlock, 27, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Evans sentenced Whitlock to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Whitlock must obtain a substance abuse assessment and comply with any recommended treatment.

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