

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 13 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 20 defendants during the week of October 22, 2018. Thirteen of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Mario Smith, 37, pled guilty to 1) sale of heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. Smith was sentenced to 66-92 months in prison. Smith's prior convictions include two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and sale of cocaine.

Christopher Oxendine, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. Oxendine was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Oxendine's prior convictions include possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and felony breaking or entering.

James Robinson, 50, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance and 2) felony breaking or entering. Robinson was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Samuel Gilchrist, 51, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Gilchrist was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison.

Larita Stevenson, 40, pled guilty to failure to register a new address as a sex offender. Stevenson was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison.

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