

NEWS RELEASE

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22 convicted of property crimes; 8 receive deferred prosecution

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 22 defendants in Superior Court during the week of October 29, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Larry Bethea, 40, pled guilty to 1) four counts of obtaining property by false pretense, 2) larceny of a motor vehicle, 3) felony possession of marijuana and 4) possession of fraudulent identification. He was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison.

Carlos Osborne, 48, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Chad Harvey, 39, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Jaylen Robinson, 19, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) financial card theft. He was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

In addition to these proceedings, the Crimes Against Property Team also enrolled defendants in the deferred prosecution program. Deferred prosecution is made available to first-time offenders charged with a low-level, nonviolent crime, allowing eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of the charge by participating in supervised probation for about two years. Participants must comply with conditions such as community service, restitution to a victim or drug testing when appropriate. If a defendant successfully completes his or her probation and commits no new crimes, a dismissal of the charge is granted. Since September 20, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team enrolled 8 defendants in this program.

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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