

NEWS RELEASE

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Armed robbers, sex offenders among 35 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-five defendants, including armed robbers and sex offenders, recently pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge, during the week of October 31, 2016. Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Steven Ross Johnson, 31, pled guilty to four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Johnson was sentenced to 108-142 months in prison.

Jose Antonio Lopez, 28, pled guilty to attempted statutory sex offense. Lopez was sentenced to 94-173 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Lopez must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Andre Poole, 17, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) felony breaking or entering and 4) larceny after breaking or entering. Poole was sentenced to 66-92 months in prison.

Deonte Grier, 17, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Grier was sentenced to 64-89 months in prison.

Sharon Pierce, 27, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Pierce was sentenced to 40-66 months in prison. Upon her release from prison, Pierce must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Isaiah Glover, 23, pled guilty to 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 3) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Glover was sentenced to 38-58 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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