

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 56 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 56 defendants, including sex offenders and armed robbers, during the week of October 30, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Ariel Perez, 36, pled guilty to four counts of indecent liberties with a child. Perez was sentenced to 76-128 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Perez must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Elijah Flowers, 17, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 3) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Flowers was sentenced to 55-78 months in prison.

Derrick Sims, 17, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Sims was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Sheldon Williams, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Williams was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison.

Ryan Bumgarner, 19, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bumgarner was sentenced to 33-52 months in prison.

Jeremiah Jackson, 19, pled guilty to three counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling. Jackson was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison.

Jamir Montegut, 23, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Montegut was sentenced to 29-47 months in prison.

Valentino Darosa, 25, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Darosa was sentenced to 26-44 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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