

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team sends 10 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 13 defendants during the week of November 11, 2019. Ten of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Steven Perry, 53, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Perry was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison. He was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution to the victim. In March 2019, a woman asked her friend to check on her home on Keswick Avenue in Charlotte's Lockwood neighborhood because she had not been staying at the home. When he arrived, he noticed that a window was open. He shouted, and that is when Perry began running away from the home. The resident's friend chased Perry as he called police. Nearby Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers saw the chase and detained Perry, who is captured on an officer's body-worn camera saying, "I messed up." When officers searched Perry, they found jewelry and other items belonging to the victim in his pocket.

Xavier Cardenas, 33, pled guilty to trafficking in methamphetamine by possession. Cardenas was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison.

Terrence Morgan, 28, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Morgan was sentenced to 30-48 months in prison. Morgan's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering and multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

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