

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team convicts 45 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-five defendants pled guilty to property crimes between Monday, November 26 and Friday, November 30, 2012. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge.

Among them were:

Theodore Christopher Sherman, 20, pled guilty Tuesday to 1) one count of first-degree burglary and 2) one count of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to 82-108 months in prison and ordered to pay \$139.98 in restitution to the victim.

The incident occurred around 11:30 p.m. on April 29, 2009, on Floral Grove Lane in Charlotte. The victim, who was in bed, heard noises in her apartment and looked out her bedroom door to see two men, one of which was Sherman. The victim confronted them. One of the men, an unidentified co-defendant, allegedly fled. Sherman raised a pry bar to the victim and demanded that she give him money. The victim then picked up a lava lamp and threw it at Sherman, causing him to drop the pry bar and flee.

Investigators were able to recover fingerprints off the apartment's balcony that identified Sherman as the suspect, and the victim identified Sherman in a photo line-up. This case was delayed because Sherman failed to appear for the original arraignment date in June 2010. An order for arrest was issued, and he was not arrested until this year.



Theodore Sherman

Jarod Ruffin, 18, pled guilty Thursday to 1) attempted first-degree burglary, 2) breaking and entering and 3) larceny after breaking and entering. He was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended for 30 months of probation and 60 days in jail.

On April 2, 2012, a man living in an apartment on Statesville Road in Charlotte heard knocking at his door and looked through the peephole to see three men, later identified as Ruffin and his two co-defendants. The victim saw one of the men run and kick his door. Thinking the defendants were about to kick in his door, the victim went to his bedroom and got an axe. The victim then opened the door and swung the axe but lost his grip, and the axe flew toward the defendants.



Jarod Ruffin

Later, Carolinas Medical Center reported that someone came to the hospital with an axe injury to his face. The injured defendant, Jaimal Watson, told detectives that he, Ruffin and a third defendant, Marquez Bittle, went to the victim's apartment to break in.

Bittle, 17, previously pled guilty in connection with the April 2 incident, as well as an earlier break-in that happened at the same victim's apartment. Bittle pled guilty to 1) attempted first-degree burglary, 2) breaking or entering and 3) larceny after breaking and entering. He was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended for 30 months of supervised probation and 40 days in jail.

Watson, 17, previously pled guilty to attempted first-degree burglary. He was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended for 30 months of probation, and he was ordered to spend 30 days in jail.

Krystina Misskelly, 26, pled guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor breaking and entering. She was sentenced to 45 days in prison with credit for 14 days she spent in jail; that sentence was suspended for 12 months of supervised probation.

On April 10, 2012, Misskelly and a companion, Anthony Michael Aykroid, drove to a house on Rolling Hill Road in Charlotte and believed no one was inside because Misskelly had called the person who lived there to make sure she was not home. During the break-in, Aykroid was fatally shot by the victim's boyfriend.



Krystina Misskelly

Markail Greene, 19, pled guilty Thursday to 1) six counts of breaking and entering and 2) five counts of larceny after breaking and entering. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended and he was placed on supervised probation for 60 months. He was also ordered to spend 90 days in jail.

On July 23, 2012, officers discovered Greene inside a building used by East Mecklenburg High School. Greene ran but was caught exiting the school. Police found various computer equipment and video projectors valued at more than \$20,000 stacked next to a luggage bag belonging to Greene and a co-defendant. This led to an investigation into other breaking and entering cases. Green pled guilty in connection with three break-ins at Charlotte homes and one vehicle, as well as a break-in at Albemarle Road Elementary School in which property valued at more than \$7,000 was stolen.



Markail Greene

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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