

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 15; diversion offered to 15

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 15 defendants in Superior Court during the week of December 10, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge. Court was closed on December 10, 2018, and the morning of December 11, 2018, due to inclement weather.

Among those convicted were:

Jason Hicks, 35, pled guilty to three counts of felony habitual misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Troy Reese, 26, pled guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

Keshon Perry, 18, pled guilty to three counts of felony breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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 October 30, 2018, the Crimes Against Property Team has enrolled 15 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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