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Over two dozen convicted during administrative court sessions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted over two dozen defendants during administrative court sessions in Superior Court during the week of June 3, 2024. The cases were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide, Violent Crimes, Habitual Felon, and Felony Crimes Teams. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Marques McBride, 24, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 300 – 372 months in prison. Marques McBride lived with his mother, Santavius McBride. On July 7, 2023, after multiple discussions about the defendant's lack of employment, Marques McBride shot and killed his mother. Later that night, he turned himself in to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and confessed to killing his mother.

Hannah Freeman, 19, pled guilty to 9 counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Eady-Williams then sentenced Freeman to three consecutive sentences. The first sentence was 4-14 months in prison. The additional sentences were 4 - 14 months in prison each; those two sentences were suspended pending her completion of 30 months of supervised probation. If she violates the terms of her probation, Freeman would serve two consecutive sentences of 4-14 months in prison. She was also ordered to pay \$3,260 in restitution.

John Farmer, 39, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of habitual larceny, and 3) three counts of being an habitual felon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 90-120 months in prison.

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