

NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide Team convicts 9 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team convicted nine defendants during administrative court sessions in Superior Court held August 16, 2024 and August 22, 2024. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable W. Robert Bell and the Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were:

Dallas Brand, 39, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to first-degree murder. Judge Bell sentenced him to 88-118 months in prison.

Noe Chinchilla, 28, pled guilty to 1) voluntary manslaughter and 2) two counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 120-168 months in prison.

Cristhian Diaz Castillo, 37, pled guilty to 1) involuntary manslaughter and 2) felony hit and run. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 16-29 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of the probation, Diaz Castillo must serve a 180-day split sentence in the Mecklenburg County Jail and may not operate a vehicle.

Michael Fulwiley, 21, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 192-243 months in prison.

J'wan Horton, 26, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Horton to 317-393 months in prison.

Monterius Johnson, 26, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to first-degree murder. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 58-82 months in prison.

Deymeen McMillian, 27, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 3) two counts of fleeing to elude, 4) giving fictitious information to an officer, 5) having an expired operator's license, 6) making an improper turn,

and 7) failure to carry a valid driver's license. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 108-142 months in prison.

Shikeem Sands, 24, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 192-252 months in prison.

Cedric Thompson, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 101-134 months in prison.

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