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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Habitual Felon Team convicts 20 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 20 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court during the week of December 2, 2024. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Stephen Montgomery, 34, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 4) being a habitual felon. For the assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charges, Judge Bell sentenced Montgomery to 127-165 months in prison. For the remaining charges he was sentenced to 110-144 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the first sentence.

Terrance Morgan Jr., 32, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, 2) felony hit and run involving injury, 3) nine counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle, and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 89-119 months in prison.

Bobby Barrett, 38, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) misdemeanor larceny, 4) misdemeanor injury to personal property, and 5) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 67-93 months in prison.

Frederick Sanders, 52, pled guilty to three counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced him to 9-20 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$1,489 in restitution to the victim.

Marcus Slawon, 29, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) assault on a female, and 3) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison. Slawon also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a previous conviction. Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated his suspended sentence of 15-27 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the new sentence.

Jakatra Bell, 44, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) attempted trafficking in cocaine. Judge Bell sentenced him to 31-47 months in prison.

Thomas Cathey, 49, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. For the possession of cocaine and being a habitual felon charges, Judge Bell sentenced him to 40-60 months in prison. For the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charge, he was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the first sentence. Cathey also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a previous conviction. Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated his suspended sentence of 8-19 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the other sentences.

Roselyn Darby, 31, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Bell sentenced her to 22-36 months in prison. Darby also admitted to violating the terms of her probation for a previous conviction. Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated her suspended sentence of 13-25 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrently with the new sentence.

Bryan Davis, 37, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 66-92 months in prison.

Rodney Thomas, 57, pled to guilty to 1) attempted felony breaking or entering, 2) attempted felony larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 50-72 months in prison.

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