

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **24 convicted during administrative court sessions**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted 24 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court held the week of March 10, 2025. The cases were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide, Special Victims, Felony Crimes, Violent Crimes, and Habitual Felon Teams. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Sam Carothers, 40, pled guilty to 1) two counts of attempted trafficking in heroin and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 36-56 months in prison.

Teiresias Metts, 37, pled guilty to 1) burning a commercial structure, 2) attempted burning of certain buildings, 3) felony breaking or entering, 4) assault on a female, and 5) uttering a forged instrument. For the first four charges, Judge Bell sentenced him to 40-60 months in prison. For the uttering a forged instrument charge, Judge Bell sentenced him to a consecutive sentence of 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, the defendant is required to enroll in and complete the Wellness Court program.

Jeremy Nash, 30, pled guilty to felonious restraint. Judge Bell sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison.

Joshua Jackson, 23, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) carrying a concealed gun. Judge Bell sentenced him to 15-30 months in prison.

Arthur Oxendine, 41, pled guilty to felony larceny. Judge Bell sentenced him to 20-33 months in prison.

Damian Hammond, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen firearm, 2) two counts of felony larceny, 3) larceny of a firearm, 4) carrying a concealed gun, and 5) assault on a government official. Judge Bell sentenced him to two concurrent sentences of 8-19 months in prison. Hammond also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a previous conviction.

Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated his suspended sentence of 38-58 months. That sentence will run concurrent to the new sentence.

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