

NEWS RELEASE

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18 convicted during administrative court sessions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted 18 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court held the week of April 21, 2025. The cases were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide and Special Victims Teams. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Dejanarell Cherry, 40, pled guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to concurrent sentences of 238-298 months in prison.

Bryan Bonilla-Canales, 20, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to consecutive sentences of 13-25 months in prison; the second sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Canales must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Dylan Mauricette, 21, pled guilty to third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Mauricette must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Brian Robinson, 28, pled guilty to two counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Robinson must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Curtisha Gregory, 33, pled guilty to negligent child abuse resulting in serious physical injury. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced her to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Michael Helms, 52, pled guilty to 1) false imprisonment and 2) assault on a female. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Luther Sherrill, 23, pled guilty to using email to threaten or extort. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 30 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Joshua Garcia, 37, pled guilty to discharging a firearm within an enclosure to incite fear. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 11-23 months in prison.

Cedric Surratt Jr., 30, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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