

NEWS RELEASE

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Dozens convicted during administrative court sessions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted dozens of defendants during administrative court sessions held in Superior Court between March 2, 2026 – March 31, 2026. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before the Honorable Carla N. Archie, the Honorable George C. Bell, the Honorable W. Robert Bell, and the Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were the following:

Lawrence Drumgoole, 67, pled guilty to first-degree statutory rape. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 192-243 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. In 2006, the survivor was placed in foster care with Drumgoole and his wife around age 5 when the family was living in New York. Drumgoole began to sexually abuse the survivor, his foster child, starting at age 7. After the survivor was formally adopted around age 10, the family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where the sexual abuse continued, and the survivor became pregnant at age 12 with Drumgoole's child. At age 13, the survivor gave birth to a baby girl. Drumgoole continued to abuse the survivor until they were 16 years old. In an interview in 2024 after the survivor disclosed their years-long childhood sexual abuse, Drumgoole denied any inappropriate contact with the survivor and claimed not to know the paternity of their child. DNA and paternity testing conducted in 2024 confirmed Drumgoole as the father of the survivor's child. Drumgoole also has outstanding charges in Union County for sexual abuse of this survivor for offenses committed when the family resided in that jurisdiction.

Jabari Walker, 14, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 192-243 months in prison. In the afternoon of February 8, 2025, Jabari Walker arranged a drug transaction for the purpose of robbing the seller. Cell phone data shows he communicated that intent to fellow gang members. When the victim arrived for the prearranged transaction off Boone St. in Charlotte, Walker approached her vehicle on the driver's side and shot her once before fleeing on foot. The victim was transported to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries four days later. After Walker fled the scene of the shooting on foot, he broke and entered the home of a 62-year-old Charlotte woman, took her car keys, and stole her car. Later, Walker returned to his home in Cabarrus County. He was turned in to the Division of Juvenile Justice because he had outstanding secure custody orders for multiple crimes.

Allan Dexter III, 57, pled guilty to 1) attempted first-degree murder and 2) first-degree kidnapping. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 120-156 months in prison.

Maiseo Caldwell, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 125-162 months in prison.

Quavon Strother, 20, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 125-162 months in prison.

Thomas Smith, 42, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced Smith to 84-113 months in prison.

Riccorain Smith, 45, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) trafficking in cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 88-118 months in prison.

Gary Crawford, 51, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 87-117 months in prison.

Tyere Grant, 22, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 87-117 months in prison.

Nickolas Hunt, 43, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 76-104 months in prison.

Latavious Massey, 49, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony larceny and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced the defendant to 77-105 months in prison.

Nyaira Sherrod, 22, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Robert Bell sentenced her to 25-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Sherrod must serve a split sentence of 10 months in jail.

Andre Poole, 26, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 33-52 months in prison.

Corey Sanders, 40, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced Sanders to 80-108 months in prison.

Tiffany Rivera, 31, pled guilty to intentional child abuse inflicting serious physical injury. Judge Robert Bell sentenced her to 64-89 months in prison.

Brian Bishop, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of statutory sex offense with a child and 2) two counts of sexual battery. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 58-130 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Demetrius Williams, 37, pled guilty to 1) intentional child abuse inflicting serious bodily injury and 2) intentional child abuse inflicting serious physical injury. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 94-125 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Williams must serve a split sentence of 6 months in jail.

Anthony Perez, 52, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 67-93 months in prison.

Tyrell Mack, 39, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) three counts of attempted trafficking in cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 66-92 months in prison.

Henry Valiente, 45, pled guilty to two counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. For one count, Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison. For the remaining count, he was sentenced to a consecutive sentence of 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Vaque Davis, 27, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 19-32 months in prison.

Brett Kimbrell, 20, pled guilty to third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Judge Robert Bell sentenced him to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Javier Green, 26, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) possession of cocaine. Judge Archie sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison.

Mark Bright, 55, pled guilty to 1) two counts of burning personal property and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced the defendant to 51-74 months in prison.

Merveille Khonde, 22, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Archie sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison.

Jaquavis Banner, 27, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony larceny. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 20-33 months in prison.

Joshua Burns, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 58-82 months in prison.

Cameron Clark, 34, pled guilty to attempted common law robbery. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 9-20 months in prison.

Jordan Johnson, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) felony carrying a concealed gun. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison.

John Karl, 37, pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 120 days in jail.

Norris Luckey, 65, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Ervin Wingo, 29, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Pomeroy sentenced him to 11-23 months in prison.

Gregory Taylor, 33, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of schedule II controlled substances. Judge George Bell sentenced him to 45 days in jail.

Paul Marion, 44, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, 2) level I trafficking in cocaine by possession, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced Marion to 60-84 months in prison.

Terrance Robinson, 33, pled guilty to 1) level I trafficking methamphetamine, 2) four counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 3) common law robbery, 4) felony larceny, and 5) misdemeanor larceny. Judge Archie sentenced Robinson to 70-93 months in prison.

Zyon Barrett-Tobias, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, 2) larceny from the person, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 50-72 months in prison.

Timothy Moore, 35, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 17-30 months in prison.

Walter Young, 43, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison.

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