

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 September 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtrooms 5310 and 5350 before the Honorable Carla N. Archie, the Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, and the Honorable Louis A. Trosch Jr., Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were the following:

Khristopher Sinclair, 40, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Sinclair also admitted that aggravating factors existed where he knowingly created a great risk of death to more than one person by means of a weapon or device which would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person, knew or reasonably should have known that a person under the age of 18 who was not involved in the commission of the offense was in a position to see or hear the offense, and took advantage of a position of trust or confidence, including a domestic relationship, to commit the offense. Judge Archie sentenced him in the aggravated range to 300-372 months in prison.

Kevin Zetino, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and first-degree burglary, 3) first-degree burglary, 4) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 5) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 300-372 months in prison.

Steven Downing Jr., 30, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Archie sentenced him to 144-185 months in prison.

Dashaun Jenkins, 18, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge Archie sentenced him to 125-162 months in prison.

Danny Lara, 24, pled guilty to second-degree murder. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 125-162 months in prison.

Arnol Guebara, 21, pled guilty to 1) statutory rape of a person who is 15 years of age or younger and 2) second-degree kidnapping. For the statutory rape charge, Judge Trosch sentenced Guebara to 58-82 months in prison. He received a consecutive sentence of 20-84 months in prison for the kidnapping charge. Guebara must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Terrell West, 31, pled guilty to 1) statutory sexual offense with a person who is 15 years of age or younger and 2) third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 192-291 months in prison. West must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Q'Laundra Hood, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony hit and run causing death and 2) misdemeanor death by motor vehicle. Judge McKnight sentenced her to 16-29 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Hood must serve a split sentence of 30 days in jail.

Bernard Howie, 47, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in methamphetamine by sale and 2) attempted trafficking in methamphetamine by sale. He also admitted his habitual felon status. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 88-118 months in prison.

Conda Rivers, 19, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Archie sentenced Rivers to 25-42 months in prison.

Tyquan Paige, 20, pled guilty to accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Archie sentenced Paige to 16-29 months in prison.

Jeffery Wilkes, 30, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor death by motor vehicle, 2) driving while license revoked for impaired driving, and 3) driving left of center. Judge Archie sentenced him to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Wilkes must serve a split sentence of 30 days in jail.

Joshua Hasty, 45, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced Hasty to 14-26 months in prison.

Saul Lopez Perez, 25, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Judge Archie sentenced him to 51-74 months in prison.

Carlos Vasquez, 19, pled guilty to 1) involuntary manslaughter and 2) two counts of felony injury by vehicle. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Vasquez must serve a split sentence of 104 days in jail.

Anthony Carr, 41, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) burning personal property. He also admitted his status as a habitual felon. For the first two charges and for being a habitual felon, Judge Archie sentenced Carr to 67-93 months in prison. For the remaining charge, he received a concurrent sentence of 16-29 months in prison.

Orlandus Morris, 36, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced him to 27-42 months in prison.

Orlando Brown, 55, pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny. Judge Archie sentenced Brown to 120 days in jail.

Celese Bey, 57, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Lewis sentenced Bey to 8-19 months in prison.

Sterling Spann, 64, pled guilty to misdemeanor assault on a governmental official. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 8 days in jail.

Frankie Conyers, 43, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) habitual driving while impaired. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison.

Shamonquez Arnold, 27, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Arnold to 13-25 months in prison.

Jerron Morris Jr., 28, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 75 days in jail.

Bruce Strickland, 47, pled guilty to habitual breaking or entering. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 50-72 months in prison.

Dominique Rowell, 28, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge McKnight sentenced Rowell to 26-44 months in prison.

Marcellus Steele, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 33-50 months in prison.

Qavon Strother, 21, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge McKnight sentenced Strother to 8-19 months in prison.

Timothy Hill, 47, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of fentanyl, 3) three counts of felony larceny, and 4) felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. He also admitted his habitual felon status. For the possession charges and being a habitual felon, Judge McKnight sentenced him to 40-60 months in prison. For the remaining charges, Hill received a concurrent sentence of 20-33 months in prison.

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