

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team convicts 45 felons

Forty-five defendants pled guilty to felony property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Tuesday, January 19 to Friday, January 22, 2010. Monday, January 18, was a state holiday and court was closed. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Timothy L. Patti, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, breaking or entering a motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and financial crimes. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to Kinte Cathey's active sentence of 53-73 months in the North Carolina Department of Corrections for first degree burglary and larceny.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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