

NEWS RELEASE

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24 habitual felons plead guilty and go to prison

On Tuesday, July 27, Wednesday, July 28, and Friday, July 30, 2010, the DA's Habitual Felon Team held arraignments for habitual felons in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. Twenty-four defendants pled guilty and received active prison sentences.

Among those to plead guilty in courtroom 5310 were:

Keri Thompson, 42, pled guilty to two counts of felony breaking or entering, two counts of felony larceny pursuant to breaking or entering, two counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, two counts of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, misdemeanor hit and run, two counts of resisting a public officer and being a habitual felon. Thompson was sentenced to 145-183 months in prison.

Joseph Waters, 29, pled guilty to felony larceny and being a habitual felon. Waters was sentenced to 90-117 months in prison.

Richard Hillenbrand, 37, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering and being a habitual felon. Hillenbrand was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Patrick Berry, 39, pled guilty to selling cocaine and being a habitual felon. Berry was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison.

Roger Graves, 56, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering and being a habitual felon. Graves was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison.

Clay Kendall, 39, pled guilty to possession of cocaine and being a habitual felon. Kendall was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison.

Eddie Mack, 38, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and trafficking in marijuana. Mack was sentenced to 38-46 months in prison.

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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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