

NEWS RELEASE

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8 habitual felons go to prison during one-day session of court

Eight defendants pled guilty to felonies in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5310 on Friday morning, December 10, 2010. The defendants were prosecuted by the DA's Habitual Felon Team; among them were:

Raquon Crawford, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Crawford was sentenced to 50-69 months in prison. Crawford's prior convictions include manslaughter and burglary.

Robert Franklin, 34, pled guilty to 1) selling cocaine, 2) possessing cocaine with the intent or sell or deliver it, and 3) being a habitual felon. Franklin was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Cecil Hudson, 53, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Hudson was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

Marlon Quick, 33, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver it within 1000 feet of a school, 2) possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver it, and 3) possession of cocaine. These cases occurred on three separate dates. Quick was sentenced to 55-75 months in prison.

Steven Wilcox, 39, pled guilty to 1) two counts of selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Wilcox was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

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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