

NEWS RELEASE

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Prosecutors convict 38 defendants of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-eight defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of January 7-11, 2013. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included habitual felony breaking or entering, felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, breaking or entering a motor vehicle, failure to register as a sex offender, and felony possession of stolen goods. Based on structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the cases were:

Anthony James White, 27, pled guilty to three counts of breaking and entering, two counts of larceny after breaking and entering, and two counts of possession of stolen goods. He also admitted his status as a habitual breaking and entering offender. Judge Evans sentenced White to 23-40 months in prison and ordered him to pay restitution to the victims. On the morning of August 28, 2012, White broke into three Charlotte homes. At one of the homes, a witness saw the crime in progress and called 911, providing police with a description of the suspect vehicle. Police soon arrested White and found items that belonged to the victims, including a designer handbag, televisions and Air Jordan shoes.



**Anthony James
White**

Trey Davis, 19, pled guilty to 1) second-degree burglary, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) possession of stolen goods, and 4) admitted his habitual breaking or entering offender status. Davis was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison.

Christopher Fagan, 21, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Jimiterrell Phifer, 22, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) two counts of hit and run, 4) fleeing to elude arrest, and 5) injury to personal property. Phifer was sentenced to 7-18 months in prison. That sentence is to be followed by an additional 4-14 months in prison; this sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation during which he'll be required to wear an electronic monitor.

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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