

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 47 defendants, including armed robbers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-seven defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, between January 28 and February 1, 2013. The defendants, who faced charges including robbery with a dangerous weapon and discharging a weapon into occupied property, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350.

Among them were:

Gilbert Francois, 29, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Francois was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison. In May 2012, Francois entered a Family Dollar store in Charlotte carrying a duffel bag. He then exited the store, leaving the duffel bag inside. The victim, an employee at the store, followed to tell Francois that he'd left his bag. When Francois turned around, candles stolen from the store fell out of his clothing. The victim said he was calling 911, and then Francois pointed a gun at the victim before running away with stolen T-shirts, candles and underwear.



Gilbert Francois

Devin Steele, 24, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Steele was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Vernon Glenn, 21, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Glenn was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Malcolm Smith, 18, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Smith was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Wesley Banks, 19, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Banks was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Donte Dildy, 20, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) resisting a public officer and 3) possession of marijuana. Dildy was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Lamar McKenzie, 28, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. McKenzie was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Bryan Hilt, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Hilt was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Michael Mack, 22, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. Mack was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

LaQuentin Winchester, 18, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Winchester was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Curry Evans, 19, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Evans was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Marcus Davis, 28, pled guilty to 1) two counts of common law robbery and 2) felony larceny. Davis was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

Marc Tomblin, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Tomblin was sentenced to 15-30 months in prison.

Ronald Chalk, 40, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Chalk was sentenced to 13-25 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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