

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Prosecutors convict 47 defendants of property crimes**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-seven defendants pled guilty to property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of February 4-8, 2013. The defendants entered their pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, 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 defendants who pled guilty were:

Jamarío Darden, 20, pled guilty to 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) breaking or entering, and 3) larceny after breaking or entering. Darden was sentenced to 56-80 months in prison. In March 2012, Darden tried to rob a victim at gunpoint in Charlotte. While he was awaiting trial on the charge of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, Darden was ordered to wear an electronic monitor. In September 2012 – while still wearing an electronic monitor – Darden broke into a Charlotte residence and stole a computer, monitor and antique rifle. Police developed Darden as a suspect based on detailed electronic monitoring reports that showed him in and around the residence during the time of the break-in.



**Jamarío Darden**

Deion Brevard, 20, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering offender. Brevard was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

Wesley Vaughn, 20, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering offender. Vaughn was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

*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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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