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Habitual felons plead guilty, sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Twenty-two defendants entered guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, February 7, Wednesday, February 8, and Friday, February 10, 2012.

Among those were:

Kwame Pugh, 37, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) being a habitual felon. Pugh was sentenced to 76-101 months in prison. Some of Pugh's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and obtaining property by false pretense.

James Adams, 39, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Adams was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison. Some of Adams' prior convictions include kidnapping, robbery with a dangerous weapon, larceny from the person, and felony breaking or entering.

Vernard Gregory, 25, pled guilty to 1) possessing a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Gregory was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison. Some of Gregory's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, and possession of cocaine.

Alonzo Morris, 48, pled guilty to 1) sell cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Morris was sentenced to 45-54 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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