

NEWS RELEASE

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38 habitual felons go to prison

Forty-five defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, February 8, Wednesday, February 9, and Friday, February 11, 2011.

Thirty-eight defendants were habitual felons and received active prison sentences; among them were:

Steve Watts, 43, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Watts was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison.

Harold Patterson, 35, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 2) felony possession of marijuana, and 3) being a habitual felon. Patterson was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

Jamal Williams, 38, pled guilty to felony failure to appear. Williams is currently serving 121-155 months in prison after the DA's Habitual Felon Team tried him before a jury in August 2010 and he was convicted of felony possession of heroin and being a habitual felon.

Donald McClure, 30, pled guilty to three counts of felony larceny. McClure was sentenced to 60-72 months in prison.

Maurice Seaver, 59, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering. Seaver was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

William Young, 54, pled guilty to four counts of financial transaction card theft. Young was sentenced to 40-48 months in prison.

Michael Johnson, 49, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering, and 3) felony conspiracy. Johnson was sentenced to 39-47 months in prison.

Tylon Wallace, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) the sale of MDMA. Wallace was sentenced to 37-42 months.

Kenterries Johnson, 33, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Johnson was sentenced to 37-45 months in prison.

Teresa Sullivan, 47, pled guilty to felony larceny. Sullivan was sentenced to 25-30 months in prison.

Quertin Robinson, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. Robinson was sentenced to 24-29 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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