

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

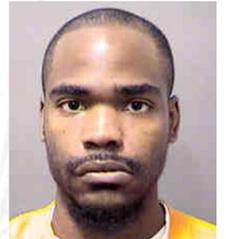
March 5, 2013

Armed robbers among 41 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 41 defendants February 25-March 1, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among them were:

Christopher Wilkes, 27, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Wilkes was sentenced to 97-129 months in prison. In March 2012, Wilkes entered a business on North Sharon Amity Road in Charlotte. An employee at the store stepped outside when she saw that Wilkes had a gun. After firing several gunshots at the cash register and slamming it on the ground, Wilkes took about \$1,000 from the register, as well as a gun and \$300 from the employee's purse. When Wilkes went outside, the employee began to fight him because she saw that he had her car keys. Wilkes fired a shot at the employee, who was not struck, and then drove away in her car. Then, in June 2012, Wilkes entered another Charlotte business and fired gunshots at the cash register in an effort to open it. He assaulted the business owner and then fled the store. Two witnesses chased Wilkes, who fired gunshots at one of them. Wilkes also pointed a gun at a woman driving by him. Police soon arrested him nearby.



Christopher Wilkes

Vincent McDougald, 43, pled guilty to two counts of first-degree sex offense. McDougald was sentenced to 276-341 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, McDougald will be required to register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life. [Click here](#) for more information about McDougald's conviction.

Roberto Osorio-Polanco, 21, pled guilty to three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Osorio-Polanco was sentenced to 61-86 months in prison.

Devine Seaman, 22, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) possession of a firearm by a felon. Seaman was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Cameron Torrence, 18, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Torrence was sentenced to 51-74 months in prison.

Antonio Hudson, 24, pled guilty to two counts of larceny of a motor vehicle. Hudson was sentenced to 38-46 months in prison.

Shardae Fields, 21, pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Fields was sentenced to 29-47 months in prison.

Jerome McGraw, 25, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. McGraw was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Jeremi Latham, 25, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering and 2) larceny from the person. Latham was sentenced to 17-21 months in prison.

Ronald Broadway, 46, pled guilty to larceny from the person. Broadway was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

James Broadhurst, 22, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a felon and 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Broadhurst was sentenced to 14-17 months in prison.

Kenrick Smith, 22, pled guilty to common law robbery. Smith was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Weylyn Ivey, 17, pled guilty to larceny from the person. Ivey was sentenced to 6-17 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.

// End //