

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent felons among 47 defendants convicted by Crimes Against Persons Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 47 defendants, including violent felons, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of March 7, 2016. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Myron Bullock, 19, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Bullock was sentenced to 73-100 months in prison. Bullock was also sentenced to an additional 31-50 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Terrell Usher, 26, pled guilty to four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Usher was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison.

Arturo Bizarro, 23, pled guilty to 1) first-degree arson and 2) assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Bizarro was sentenced to 64-99 months in prison.

Kerry Shine, 24, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Shine was sentenced to 29-47 months in prison.

Darkinah Kotay, 18, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Kotay was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison.

Nathaniel Washington, 27, pled guilty to four counts of malicious conduct by a prisoner. Washington was sentenced to 17-30 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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