

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 46 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of March 31, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted 46 defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Brandon Witherspoon, 26, pled guilty to 1) attempted first-degree rape and 2) attempted first-degree sex offense. Witherspoon was sentenced to 180-276 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Witherspoon must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Davian Herron, 34, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) three counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) first-degree burglary. Herron was sentenced to 111-146 months in prison.

John Bowlin, 35, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) assault with a deadly weapon, 4) injury to personal property and 5) simple assault. Bowlin was sentenced to 103-136 months in prison.

Rashawn Sanders, 26, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary, 2) three counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Sanders was sentenced to 97-129 months in prison.

Xavier Wilkes, 19, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Wilkes was sentenced to 81-122 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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