

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Office convicts 51 defendants for property crimes

Last week, the District Attorney's Office convicted 51 defendants of various property offenses. The Honorable Robert T. Sumner was the presiding Superior Court Judge for the arraignments during the week of Monday, April 18, 2011, to Thursday, April 21, 2011, in courtroom 5350.

Among the defendants convicted were:

Tracey Sukkar, 37, pled guilty to: (1) Burning an Unoccupied Building, and (2) Uttering a Forged Instrument. Ms. Sukkar was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution to the victim of over \$200,000.00. The crime stemmed from a 2009 incident where the defendant had been stealing and forging checks belonging to her employer, a local dentist. In an attempt to destroy evidence of her criminal activity, Sukkar set fire to the dentist's files, causing damage to the dental office.

Jason Evans, 17, pled guilty to two counts of Felony Breaking or Entering, and was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison. Evans was on probation for Felony Breaking or Entering in a separate incident at the time of this offense.

Rony Gavarette, 16, pled guilty to: (1) seven counts of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, and (2) Breaking or Entering a Motor Vehicle. Gavarette was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison and ordered to pay over \$3,500.00 in restitution.

Demetrick Crowder, 19, pled guilty to: (1) two counts of Breaking or Entering a Motor Vehicle, and (2) Financial Transaction Card Theft. Crowder was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison.

Sanchez Connor, 23, pled guilty to Felony Possession of Stolen Goods. Connor was sentenced to 10-12 months in prison and ordered to pay \$3,000.00 in restitution.

Court was closed on Friday, April 22, 2011, in observance of Good Friday.

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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