

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team convicts 24 defendants of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted 24 defendants May 28-31, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, breaking or entering a motor vehicle, felony possession of stolen goods and organized retail theft. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty were:

Ray Mason, 29, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny after breaking or entering and 3) obtaining property by false pretense. Mason was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Charles Davis, 20, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) misdemeanor larceny. Davis was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Richard Martin, 21, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Martin was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison.

Jason McGinnis, 32, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit organized retail theft, 2) felony larceny and 3) misdemeanor larceny. McGinnis was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1,831.43 in restitution.

Kendall Carpenter, 20, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) two counts of felony larceny. Carpenter was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Carpenter was ordered to wear an electronic monitor for 24 months and pay \$2,362 in restitution.

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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