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54 plead guilty to drug offenses in Superior Court

CHARLOTTE, NC – The week of June 27, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicted fifty-four defendants in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia that is used to store and ingest drugs, and the trafficking of illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active time in prison.

Karla Aguilar-Rolon, 21, pled guilty to one count of attempted trafficking in heroin; he was sentenced to 65-87 months in prison.

Cornelius Haggins, 28, pled guilty to one count of trafficking in cocaine; he was sentenced to 35-42 months in prison.

Miguel Arrazate, 19, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in heroin; he was sentenced to 25-39 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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