

NEWS RELEASE

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32 violent felons convicted in one week of court

CHARLOTTE, NC – Thirty-two defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The defendants entered guilty pleas in administrative courtroom 5350 from Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, 2011; among them were:

David Bellamy, 21, pled guilty to 1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer and 2) felony flee to elude. Bellamy was sentenced to 23-37 months in prison.

Dashon Anderson, 21, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of a weapon of mass destruction and 3) carrying a concealed weapon. Anderson was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison.

Gregory Sensing, 28, pled guilty to 1) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) first degree burglary and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Sensing was sentenced to 64-86 months in prison. And once released from that sentence, he will have another sentence to serve of 25-39 months in prison suspended for 30 months of supervised probation with the first six months to be intensive probation.

Otis Patton, 39, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) false imprisonment. Patton was sentenced to 10-12 months in prison.

Elliott Mathis, 34, pled guilty to 1) habitual misdemeanor assault, 2) damage to real property and 3) communicating threats. Mathis was sentenced to 14-17 months in prison followed by 240 days in prison.

Timothy Teasley, 25, pled guilty to attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Teasley was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison.

Tremaine Willis, 24, pled guilty to taking indecent liberties with a child. Willis was sentenced to 15-19 months in prison, suspended for 36 months of supervised probation. Willis must also register as a sex offender.

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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