

NEWS RELEASE

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Heroin traffickers among 41 defendants convicted of drug offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team convicted 41 defendants, including heroin and cocaine traffickers, during the week of August 11, 2014. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. The convictions were for crimes that included possessing, selling and trafficking in illegal drugs. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison sentences.

Among the defendants who pled guilty and were sent to prison were:

Jesus Farfan-Delgado, 23, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Farfan-Delgado was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison. In February 2014, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police were investigating Farfan-Delgado's involvement in illegal narcotics activity. After observing him engage in a suspected heroin sale, officers apprehended Farfan-Delgado and discovered 14 balloons of heroin in his possession.

Jeffrey Jones, 22, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Jones was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Edgar Carbajal-Jonzales, 21, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Carbajal-Jonzales was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Benjamin Hinson, 41, pled guilty to trafficking in cocaine by sale. Hinson was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Jorge Cardona, 39, pled guilty to trafficking in cocaine by possession. Cardona was sentenced to 35-51 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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