

NEWS RELEASE

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Sex offenders, robbers among 43 defendants convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Sex offenders and other violent felons were among the 43 defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team. The defendants entered their guilty pleas August 25-29, 2014, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Anna Mills Wagoner, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted and sent to prison were:

Anthony Asbury, 26, pled guilty to two counts of statutory rape/sex offense. Asbury was sentenced to 166-260 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Asbury must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and will be subject to satellite-based monitoring.

James Benfield, 53, pled guilty to three counts of indecent liberties with a child. Benfield was sentenced to 60-72 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Benfield must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and will be subject to satellite-based monitoring.

Elin Medina, 21, pled guilty to 1) sexual activity by a substitute parent and 2) indecent liberties with a child. Medina was sentenced to 51-131 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Medina must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Antonio Worthy, 18, pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Worthy was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Jaquisha Starr, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Starr was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

Malcolm Bynum, 21, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Bynum was sentenced to 20-36 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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