

NEWS RELEASE

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Heroin, methamphetamine traffickers among 33 convicted of drug crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team recently convicted 33 defendants, including methamphetamine and heroin traffickers. The defendants entered their guilty pleas during the week of September 8, 2014, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable H. William Constangy, 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:

Anthony Perez-Fergoso, 23, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Perez-Fergoso was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. In March 2014, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle Perez-Fergoso was driving. Perez-Fergoso was arrested on traffic-related charges, and when officers searched his vehicle, they found a hidden compartment that contained 79 balloons of heroin.

Matthew Kelly, 30, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by sale. Kelly was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Oswaldo Rodriguez Mendoza, 37, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Rodriguez Mendoza was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Carlos Moreno, 32, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession. Moreno was sentenced to 32-58 months in prison.

Jeremy Craig, 37, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in methamphetamine by possession. Craig was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Keon Rorie, 24, pled guilty to 1) sale of marijuana, 2) two counts of sale of cocaine and 3) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver. Rorie was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison. Rorie was also sentenced to an additional 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Kory Braley, 26, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in marijuana by possession. Braley was sentenced to 6-17 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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