

NEWS RELEASE

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Property Team convicts 49 defendants of property crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Forty-nine (49) defendants pled guilty to felony property crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court from Monday, September 12 through Friday September 16, 2011. Most of the defendants entered their pleas in Courtroom 5350 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge. In addition, pleas were taken in Courtroom 5150 by The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Mecklenburg County Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, on Thursday. The convictions were for crimes that included felony breaking or entering, felony larceny after breaking or entering, felony possession of stolen goods, larceny of a motor vehicle, and interfering with an electronic monitoring device. Based on the structured sentencing laws in North Carolina, sentences ranged from probation to active prison time.

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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