

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DA's Drug Prosecution Team convicts 50 defendants**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Fifty defendants entered guilty pleas in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of October 12, 2015. The defendants were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Prosecution Team. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, 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 those convicted and sent to prison were:

Barry Scott Hughes, Jr., 29, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Hughes was sentenced to 90-120 months in prison. On January 8, 2015, Hughes arranged to sell black tar heroin. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department detectives intercepted the sale and found Hughes with more than 14 grams of black tar heroin on his person.

Raul Monroy, 61, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Monroy was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Victor Lopez-Gomez, 24, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by transportation. Lopez-Gomez was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Warren Anderson, 36, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in heroin by sale and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin. Anderson was sentenced to 70-93 months in prison.

Humbertoe Cervantes, 22, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Cervantes was sentenced to 46-74 months in prison.

Artise James, 37, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in cocaine by transportation and 2) selling cocaine. James was sentenced to 35-51 months in prison.

Levern Jacobs, 23, pled guilty to selling cocaine. Jacobs was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison.

Reynaldo Robledo-Perez, 47, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine by possession. Robledo-Perez was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Myers Thomas, 23, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in marijuana by possession and 2) attempted trafficking in marijuana by transportation. Thomas was sentenced to 5-15 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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