

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Habitual Felon Team sends 7 defendants to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted 10 defendants in Superior Court during the week of October 24, 2016. Seven of those defendants were sent to prison. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

David Wayne Williams, 58, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. Williams was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison. Williams' prior convictions include second-degree sexual offense, common law robbery and felony breaking or entering.

Christopher Marquis Caldwell, 27, pled guilty to 1) second-degree burglary, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. Caldwell was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison. Caldwell's prior convictions include multiple counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and multiple counts of second-degree burglary.

Kerry Bernard Roddy, 53, pled guilty to 1) habitual larceny, 2) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, and 3) being a habitual felon. Roddy was sentenced to 50-72 months in prison. Roddy's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon, larceny of an automobile and felony breaking or entering.

*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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