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## **Habitual Felon Team sends 32 to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Thirty-three defendants pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge. All but one of the defendants, whom did not qualify as a habitual felon under North Carolina law, were sentenced to prison. The defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 on Tuesday, December 6, Wednesday, December 7, and Friday, December 9, 2011.

Among those convicted were:

Darrell Moore, 32, pled guilty to 1) attempted common law robbery, 2) larceny from the person, and 3) being a habitual felon. Moore was sentenced to 76-101 months in prison.

Johnell Chance, 22, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Chance was sentenced to 60-81 months in prison.

Bobby Taylor, 25, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Taylor was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Dwayne Millsaps, 40, pled guilty to 1) failing to register as a sex offender and 2) being a habitual felon. Millsaps was sentenced to 87-114 months in prison.

Melvin Funderburk, 43, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of stolen property, 2) felony possession of marijuana, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 4) being a habitual felon. Funderburk was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

Warren Holloman, 43, pled guilty to 1) selling cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Holloman was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Robert Foster, 48, pled guilty to 1) possessing a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) being a habitual felon. Foster was sentenced to 72-96 months in prison.

Joyce Wilson, 46, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in methadone, a controlled substance. Wilson was sentenced to 70-84 months in prison.

Tyrone Johnson, 45, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) resisting a public officer. Johnson was sentenced to 42-50 months in prison.

Charles Brown, 33, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Brown was sentenced to 38-46 months in prison.

Gilbert Foust, 52, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) possessing stolen goods. Foust was sentenced to 36-44 months in prison.

Marvin Phillips, 28, was continued until Monday, December 12, 2011. Phillips pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) possessing stolen goods and 3) being a habitual felon. The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Phillips to 58-79 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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