

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man of domestic violence crimes; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted one defendant at trial, and four others pled guilty during the week of January 5, 2015. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Richard L. Doughton, Superior Court Judge.

Cesar Lavandier, 41, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 2) felony breaking or entering, 3) assault on a female, 4) interference with an emergency communication, 5) misdemeanor child abuse, 6) communicating threats and 7) injury to personal property. At the close of all the evidence, Judge Doughton dismissed the charge of injury to personal property. The jury then found Lavandier *guilty* of assault on a female, misdemeanor child abuse, communicating threats and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. The jury found him *not guilty* of interference with an emergency communication and breaking or entering. Judge Doughton sentenced Lavandier to 300 days in prison.

Jeffrey Henke, 49, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Henke was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jerome Jones, 47, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Jones was sentenced to 300 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Keon Leach, 22, pled guilty to assault on a female. Leach was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Musa Bey, 37, pled guilty to assault on a female. Bey was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

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