

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Domestic Violence Team convicts 11

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Domestic Violence Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office convicted one defendant at trial, and 10 others pled guilty before their trials began during the week of January 22-25, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The cases involved defendants facing charges that included assault by strangulation, assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

William Terry, 37, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault with a deadly weapon, 3) assault on a female, 4) false imprisonment and 5) communicating threats. The jury found Terry *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a female and false imprisonment. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charges of assault by strangulation and communicating threats. For the assault with a deadly weapon offense, Judge Caldwell sentenced Terry to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. That sentence is to be followed by a sentence of 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, which was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation, for the assault on a female and false imprisonment offenses.

The following 10 defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Sariko Jones, 31, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Caldwell sentenced Jones to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jones must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Harvell Shannon, 23, pled guilty to four counts of assault on a female. Shannon was sentenced to 300 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Shannon must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Derrick McDonald, 35, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. McDonald was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Kisameia Hill, 30, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon and 2) assault inflicting serious injury. Hill was sentenced to 300 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Kevin Davis, 31, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Davis was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Gerald Wade, 47, pled guilty to assault on a female. Wade was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Ronnie Bittle, 37, pled guilty to injury to personal property. Bittle was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Tony Dyson, 48, pled guilty to assault on a female. Dyson was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Harold Doster, 47, pled guilty to assault on a female. Doster was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jessica Medina, 33, pled guilty to misdemeanor hit and run. Medina was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Note: Court was closed January 21, 2013, for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

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