

# NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray  
District Attorney

February 1, 2017

## Domestic Violence Team convicts 4 defendants of assault offenses

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted four defendants in Superior Court during the week of January 23, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Isiah Chaney, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Chaney was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Deangelo Witherspoon, 27, pled guilty to assault on a female. Witherspoon was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Johnique Peay, 30, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Peay was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Peay's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Peay must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Curtis Elliott, 27, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Elliott was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Elliott's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Elliott must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

*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).*

// End //