

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant; 8 others convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of January 27, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one defendant and convicted eight others who pled guilty to domestic violence charges. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge. Court was closed the afternoon of January 28, as well as January 29, due to inclement weather.

Dominique Hancock, 20, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault on a female. At the close of all the evidence, Judge Constangy dismissed the assault by strangulation charge. The jury then returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the charge of assault on a female.

The following nine defendants pled guilty or remanded a case to District Court for sentencing:

Tracy Dyson, 50, pled guilty to felony violation of a domestic violence protective order. Dyson was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison.

Brandon Mincey, 27, pled guilty to felony assault by strangulation. He was sentenced to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Mincey must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Joe Stinson, 53, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) communicating threats. For the assault on a female conviction, Stinson was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. For the communicating threats conviction, he was sentenced to 120 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation to run at the expiration of the first sentence.

Enrique Ramos, 34, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Ramos was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jasper Porter, 37, pled guilty to assault on a female. Porter was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Wesley Hunter, 33, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Hunter was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Latasha Stokes, 24, pled guilty to misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon. Stokes was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Alan Young, 56, pled guilty to simple assault. Young was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

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