

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man of sex crime, firearm offense

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During a trial session that was held January 22-31, 2019, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted a defendant of sexual assault and another defendant of a domestic violence offense. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges.

Omari Crump, 38, was tried for 1) second-degree sex offense and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Caldwell sentenced Crump to a total of 113-206 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Crump must register as a sex offender for 30 years. In February 2015, the victim awoke at about 4 a.m. because she heard Crump and his fiancée arguing. When the fiancée left the apartment, Crump retrieved a shotgun and fired three shots off the balcony into the parking lot of the apartment complex. Shortly thereafter, Crump got into bed with the victim and sexually assaulted her. She eventually got away from him and locked herself in the bathroom. When he heard her calling police, Crump broke the bathroom door in half to get to her, but she was able to ask the 911 operator for help. Crump fled the scene, and officers located him nearby.

Deangelo Handy, 30, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) possession of cocaine. Judge Viser sentenced Handy to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Handy must serve 63 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, complete a certified intervention program for batterers and complete a drug treatment assessment.

*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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