

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 2 defendants, 10 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Domestic Violence Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 for the week of February 6, 2012. The Superior Court Judge presiding was The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III.

Carl Thompson, 39, was charged with 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury and 2) habitual misdemeanor assault. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. After jury selection began the defendant entered pleas of guilty to both charges. Thompson was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 21-26 months in prison.

William Goodwin, 32, was charged with 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female, 3) interfering with emergency communication and 4) false imprisonment. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. At the close of the State's evidence Judge Caldwell dismissed the charge of interfering with emergency communication. The remaining charges went to the jury. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* of assault on a female and *not guilty* of assault by strangulation and false imprisonment. The defendant was sentenced to 75 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Goodwin must serve 5 days in the county jail.

Ten defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Joshua Pannell, 31, pled guilty to assault on a female. Pannell was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 60 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Corey Bowman, 29, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. Bowman was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 9-11 months in prison.

Dereck Foskin, 36, entered the Deferred Prosecution program for his charges of 1) assault on a female, 2) communicating threats, 3) injury to personal property, and 4) false imprisonment.

Kareem Lowery, 39, pled guilty to 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury, 2) assault on a female, and 3) five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. Lowery was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 20-24 months in prison.

Ying Her, 38, entered the Deferred Prosecution program for her charge of misdemeanor child abuse.

William Gobah, 38, pled guilty to assault on a female. Gobah was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 45 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

Delton Hunt, 48, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. Hunt was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 20-24 months in prison.

Johnny Shaw, 43, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Gobah was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 150 days in prison for each charge; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

Anthony Lytle, 26, pled guilty to assault on a female. Lytle was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 45 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

Jason Wright, 35, pled guilty to communicating threats. Wright was sentenced by Judge Caldwell to 90 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

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