

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 2 defendants; 19 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – In two weeks' time, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried two defendants and convicted 19 defendants who entered guilty pleas in Superior Court. During the week of February 20, 2017, 12 defendants pled guilty to domestic violence crimes in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. The following week, trial proceedings, as well as seven guilty pleas, were held before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey and The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judges.

The following defendants are among those who pled guilty during the week of February 20, 2017:

Andrew Parks, 23, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery and 2) assault by strangulation. Parks was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Parks' successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Parks must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Monteith Willis, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) felony hit and run causing injury. Willis was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Willis' successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Willis must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay \$281.20 in restitution to the victim.

Quinton Davis, 34, pled guilty to two counts of felony violation of a domestic violence protective order. Davis was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Davis' successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Davis must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Michael Tinsley, 22, pled guilty to assault on a female. Tinsley was sentenced 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Travis Hunter, 24, pled guilty two counts of assault on a female. Hunter was sentenced to a total of 300 days in prison; those sentences were suspended pending Hunter's successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Hunter must

serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Kalyn Burch, 22, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Burch was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Burch's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Burch must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Tiemeyer Sanders, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault on a female. Sanders was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Sanders' successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Sanders must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

The Domestic Violence Team prosecuted the following defendants during the week of February 27, 2017:

Lonnie Bolton, 50, was tried for assault on a female. A jury found Bolton *not guilty*.

Santiago Raggio, 37, was tried for communicating threats. A jury found Raggio *not guilty*.

David Jones, 45, pled guilty to two counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Poovey sentenced Jones to 38-64 months in prison.

Johnny Simpson, 63, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault on a female. Judge Poovey sentenced Simpson to 13-25 months in prison.

Stanley Moses, 45, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) interfering with emergency communication. Judge Sumner sentenced Moses to 9-20 months in prison.

Deshawn Rorie, 26, pled guilty to 1) attempted second-degree arson, 2) felony breaking or entering, 3) misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order, 4) resisting a public officer, 5) injury to real property and 6) communicating threats. Judge Poovey sentenced Rorie to 30-54 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Rorie's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Rorie must serve 135 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, complete a certified intervention program for batterers, wear an electronic monitor for 12 months and have no contact with the victim.

Jeffrey Dyre, 48, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Judge Poovey sentenced Dyre to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Dyre's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Dyre must serve 15 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Travis Moses, 27, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Poovey sentenced Moses to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Moses' successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation and a certified intervention program for batterers.

Gregory Fondren, 20, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault on a female. Judge Poovey sentenced Fondren to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Fondren's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Fondren must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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