

NEWS RELEASE

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2 defendants tried for domestic violence crimes; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried two cases before juries, and two other defendants entered guilty pleas during the week of March 7, 2016. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge.

Samuel Simmons, 48, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) larceny of a firearm and 3) assault on a female. Judge Sumner dismissed the larceny of a firearm charge at the close of the State's evidence. The jury found Simmons *guilty* of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and *not guilty* of assault on a female. Judge Sumner sentenced Simmons to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Simmons must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Jeremy Stone, 24, was tried for violating a domestic violence protective order. The jury found Stone *not guilty*.

Ranee Felder, 34, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) assault on a female and 4) two counts of injury to personal property. Felder was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Felder must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay restitution to the victim.

Cameron Nguyen, 28, pled guilty to assault on a female. Nguyen was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Nguyen must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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