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## Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant; 3 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one defendant in Superior Court during the week of March 27, 2017, and three others entered guilty pleas to domestic violence crimes. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge.

Michael Black, 42, was tried for assault on a female. The jury found Black *not guilty*.

Lavaghan Hanton, 33, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) possession of a firearm with an altered or removed serial number. Hanton was sentenced to 37-64 months in prison.

Edwin Castro, 32, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Castro was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison.

Brandon Horton, 30, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Horton was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison.

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