

NEWS RELEASE

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Sexual assault, domestic violence offenders among 17 convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted 17 defendants this month in Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas April 2-13, 2018, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judges.

Among those convicted were:

Alonso Martinez-Hernandez, 33, pled guilty to 1) statutory rape, 2) statutory sexual offense, 3) incest and 4) indecent liberties with a child. Judge Lewis sentenced Martinez-Hernandez to 180-276 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life. Between 2014 and 2016, Martinez-Hernandez engaged in sex acts with a child. He confessed to the abuse.

Arthur Allen, 26, pled guilty to 1) statutory rape and 2) statutory sexual offense. Judge Bell sentenced Allen to 144-233 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Felipe Gonzalez-Guzman, 49, pled guilty to 1) three counts of negligent child abuse inflicting serious physical injury and 2) sexual offense by a substitute parent. Judge Bell sentenced Gonzalez-Guzman to 60-113 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Michael Lockhart, 47, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Lewis sentenced Lockhart to 44-65 months in prison. In November 2017, Lockhart broke into his ex-girlfriend's apartment, held her down and cut her with a box cutter. The victim required 14 stitches.

Marty Elliott, 51, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Bell sentenced Elliott to 20-33 months in prison.

Brian Gleason, 43, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) misdemeanor stalking. Judge Bell sentenced Gleason to 12-34 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Gleason's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Gleason must participate in electronic monitoring for 18 months.

Ernest Walker, 24, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Lewis sentenced Walker to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Walker's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Walker must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and participate in electronic monitoring for 24 months.

Jordan Maddalon, 18, pled guilty to sexual battery. Judge Bell sentenced Maddalon to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Maddalon's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Maddalon must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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.

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