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7 convicted of domestic violence crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted seven defendants in Superior Court during the week of April 17, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Gerardo Flores, 43, pled guilty to felonious restraint. Flores was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison.

Joshua Griffin, 19, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) assault on a female and 3) misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order. Griffin was sentenced to a total of 23-31 months in prison; those sentence were suspended pending Griffin's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Griffin must serve 9 months in prison, complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay $10,419.49 in restitution to the victim.

Augustin Velasquez, 37, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 3) assault on a female. Velasquez was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Velasquez must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Sequin Castle, 24, pled guilty to assault on a female. Castle was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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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