

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant, convicts 4 others

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted five defendants May 28-31, 2013. The team convicted one defendant at trial, and another four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Two additional defendants who were previously convicted remanded their cases for sentencing in District Court. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge. Court was closed on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Dominique Crowder, 27, was tried for assault on a female. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Lewis sentenced Crowder to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

William Presson, 40, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual assault and 2) assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Lewis sentenced Presson to 9-20 months in prison.

Sebastian Jackson, 42, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Lewis sentenced Jackson to 16-32 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jackson must serve 8 months in prison.

William Hankerson, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) misdemeanor larceny. Judge Lewis sentenced Hankerson to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Zerrio Todd, 56, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Lewis sentenced Todd to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Todd must serve 37 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

The following two defendants, who were previously convicted in District Court, remanded their cases for sentencing:

Danny Tackett, 28, was convicted of 1) two counts of assault on a female, 2) communicating threats, 3) misdemeanor larceny and 4) false imprisonment. Tackett was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Bunsana Bila, 35, was convicted of simple assault. She was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

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