

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts domestic violence offender; 7 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a man was sent to prison after a jury convicted him of domestic violence offenses, including a felony assault charge. Over the course of the trial session, which began on May 31, 2016, and ended today, four other defendants pled guilty to domestic violence crimes. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges. During an earlier court session held the week before trial, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team also convicted another three defendants who entered guilty pleas.

Anthony Lamont Boulware, 44, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) assault inflicting serious bodily injury, 3) first-degree kidnapping, 4) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 5) felony breaking or entering and 6) two counts of communicating threats. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offenses of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, misdemeanor breaking or entering and false imprisonment. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Kuehnert sentenced him to 52-75 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional total of 240 days in jail; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation

Dustin Rollins, 29, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Rollins to 11-23 months in prison.

Lars Johnson, 53, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Bell sentenced Johnson to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Johnson must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Jeffrey Hendricks, 23, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Hendricks to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Hendricks must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Lajuan Certion, 26, pled guilty to 1) false imprisonment and 2) assault on a female. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Certion to 12 months of supervised probation and authorized a conditional discharge of the offense pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341(a4). Certion was also ordered to complete a certified intervention program batterers and have no contact with the victim.

The following defendants entered guilty pleas before Judge Bell on May 25, 2016:

Larry Burris, 53, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Burris was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

Harvey Cherry, 57, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) discharging a firearm within the city limits. Cherry was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Cherry's successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Sherica Alexander, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) assault on a government official. Alexander was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Alexander's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Alexander was ordered to pay \$1,635 in restitution to the victim.

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