

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant; 4 enter guilty pleas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one defendant in Superior Court during the week of June 5, 2017, while four others pled guilty. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Howard Boynton, 48, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female and 3) simple assault. Judge Bell dismissed the charge of simple assault at the close of the State's evidence. The jury found Boynton *not guilty* of the remaining charges.

Richard Spainhour, 34, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order. Spainhour was sentenced to 22-36 months in prison.

Roger Magee, 41, pled guilty to assault on a female. Magee was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Carnell Miller, 23, pled guilty to misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order. Miller was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Cearia Castle, 24, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Judge Bell sentenced Castle to 12 months of supervised probation and authorized a conditional discharge of the offense pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341(a4).

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