

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Domestic Violence Team convicts 7 during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted seven defendants during the week of July 15, 2013. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable David L. Hall, Superior Court Judge.

Pilar Pohlheber, 30, was tried for 1) simple assault and 2) misdemeanor breaking or entering. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* for the breaking or entering offense and *not guilty* for the simple assault offense. Pohlheber was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Fabrizio Falcones, 31, was tried for assault on a female. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Dominique Kelley, 26, was tried for assault on a female. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

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

Marquez Simon, 33, pled guilty to habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Hall sentenced Simon to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Smith must serve 3 months in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Willie Walker, 39, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Hall sentenced Walker to 100 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Shelton Abernathy, 32, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Hall sentenced Abernathy to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Anthony Boulware, 39, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Judge Hall sentenced Boulware to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Rashaun Smith, 30, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Hall sentenced Smith to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Demario Lowery, 35, who was previously convicted of assault on a female, remanded his case to District Court for sentencing. He was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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