

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury's guilty verdict sends child molester to prison; 6 others convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury found a man guilty of sexually abusing a teenage girl, and two other defendants were also tried by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team during the week of July 18, 2016. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable W. David Lee, Superior Court Judges.

Jose Daniel Gonzalez, 40, was tried for 1) statutory sex offense, 2) sexual offense by a custodian and 3) indecent liberties with a child. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Lee sentenced Gonzalez to 228-334 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years. Gonzalez sexually abused the teenage victim in August 2014. The next day, the victim's mother noticed that something was wrong and pressed her daughter for information about what was bothering her. That's when the victim disclosed the abuse. Gonzalez confessed to police.

Jaymen Flowers, 26, was tried for 1) first-degree rape, 2) first-degree sexual offense, 3) first-degree burglary, 4) false imprisonment and 5) violation of a domestic violence protective order while in possession of a deadly weapon. The jury found him *guilty* of a violation of a domestic violence protective order while in possession of a deadly weapon and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Viser sentenced Flowers to 10-21 months in prison, as well as an additional 150 days in custody.

Todd Boderick, 29, was tried for 1) larceny from the person, 2) conspiracy to commit larceny from the person and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Vernon Wylie, 44, pled guilty to 1) second-degree rape and 2) first-degree kidnapping. Judge Lee sentenced Wylie to 12 years in prison.

Tanesha Martin, 32, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Judge Lee sentenced Martin to 29-47 months in prison.

Stephanie Conner, 16, pled guilty to felony speeding to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Judge Lee sentenced Conner to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Conner must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Michael Morris, 43, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a minor. Judge Lee sentenced Morris to 21-35 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. Morris was also ordered to register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life. As a condition of his probation, Morris must serve 180 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Isaiah Martin, 31, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Judge Lee sentenced Martin to 29-47 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

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