

NEWS RELEASE

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4 defendants convicted of domestic violence charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Four defendants were convicted of domestic violence charges – ranging from kidnapping to assault – in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of July 27, 2015. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Anne Alobwede, 26, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree kidnapping and 2) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Alobwede was sentenced to 58-82 months in prison.

Demontrey King, 23, pled guilty to 1) assault in the presence of a minor and 2) possession of drug paraphernalia. King was sentenced to 270 days in prison.

Bryant Stowe, 34, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Stowe was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Stowe must 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Ronald Pettis, 23, pled guilty to assault on a child under age 12. Pettis was sentenced to 21 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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