

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts defendant in domestic violence case; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted one defendant at trial in Superior Court during the week of August 1, 2016, while three other defendants pled guilty to domestic violence crimes. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Anna Mills Wagoner, Superior Court Judge.

Brandon Thompson, 25, was tried for 1) second-degree kidnapping 2) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 3) larceny after breaking or entering, 4) assault by strangulation, 5) two counts of assault on a female and 6) interfering with an emergency communication. The jury found him *guilty* of interfering with an emergency communication. The jury found him *not guilty* of the kidnapping, larceny after breaking or entering and assault by strangulation charges, as well as one count of breaking or entering and one count of assault on a female. The jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts on the other assault on a female and breaking or entering charges. As a result, Judge Wagoner declared a mistrial as to those two charges. Thompson was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Thompson must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Bruce Evans, 41, was tried for assault on a female. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Samuel Coleman, 55, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. He was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

Terry Bagley, 50, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. He was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

Taggart Jacobson, 56, pled guilty to simple assault. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jacobson must complete a parenting class.

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