

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 4 defendants, 18 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Domestic Violence Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 for the weeks of July 30, 2012, and August 13, 2012. The Superior Court Judge presiding for the week of July 30, 2012 was The Honorable Linwood O. Foust. The Superior Court Judge presiding for the week of August 13, 2012 was The Honorable William D. Parsons.

Ronald Mickel, 32, was charged with assault by strangulation and assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on the assault on a female and *not guilty* on the assault by strangulation. Mickel was sentenced by Judge Foust to 90 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

John James, 49, was charged with assault on a female and communicating threats. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on the assault on a female and *not guilty* on the communicating threats. James was sentenced by Judge Foust to 60 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Ruben Arciles, 34, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. Judge Parsons presided over the trial. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Franklin Henderson, 49, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. Judge Parsons presided over the trial. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Ellis Roberts, 39, pled guilty to child abuse when his case was called for trial. Roberts was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 75 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. The first 7 days of that sentence are to be served in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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

Benjamin Taylor, 22, pled guilty to felonious restraint and two counts of assault on a government official. Taylor was sentenced by Judge Foust to 19-32 months in prison. That sentence was suspended pending successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. The first 120 days of that sentence are to be served in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Andre Glover, 42, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Glover was sentenced by Judge Foust to 30-45 months in prison.

Anselmo Lopez, 33, pled guilty to assault on a female. Lopez was sentenced by Judge Foust to 75 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Briana McFadden, 20, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. McFadden was sentenced by Judge Foust to 30 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 15 months of supervised probation.

Ceron Brown, 32, pled guilty to assault on a law enforcement officer inflicting serious injury and assault on a female. Brown was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 5-15 months in prison.

Cameron Stewart, 22, pled guilty to two counts of felony domestic violence protective order violation. Stewart was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 8-10 months in prison on one count; on the second count, he was sentenced to 10-12 months in prison and that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Marc Mahaffee, 37, pled guilty to assault on a female. Mahaffee was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 75 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Lamac Nelson, 23, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and assault by pointing a gun. Nelson was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 150 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Lonnie Cherry, 32, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Cherry was sentenced by Judge Foust to 67-93 months in prison.

Terry Johnson, 31, pled guilty to resisting a public officer, possession of schedule four controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. Johnson was sentenced by Judge Foust to 120 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Thomas Tracey, 34, pled guilty to assault on a female. Tracey was sentenced by Judge Foust to 90 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Michael Morgan, 34, pled guilty to aggravated affray. Morgan was sentenced by Judge Foust to 60 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Gerardo Gomez, 37, pled guilty to simple assault. Gomez was sentenced by Judge Foust to 81 days in the county jail.

Phillip Gilmer, 34, pled guilty to assault on a female and interference with emergency communication. Gilmer was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 75 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Kendall Surles, 18, pled guilty to injury to personal property and two counts of resisting a public officer. Surles was sentenced by Judge Parsons to 180 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

James Ratliff, 21, pled guilty to assault by strangulation and common law robbery. Ratliff was sentenced by Judge Foust to 12-14 months in prison.

Joshua Wilcox, 38, pled guilty to assault on a female. Wilcox was sentenced by Judge Foust to 90 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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