

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 8 defendants convicted of domestic violence crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – In Mecklenburg County Superior Court, the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team recently convicted eight defendants. Two defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge, on August 15, 2016. Then, during the week of August 22, 2016, six more defendants entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Robert Barringer, 41, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Archie sentenced Barringer to 60-84 months in prison.

Dujuan McNeil, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony violation of a domestic violence protective order and 2) assault on a female. For the felony offense, Judge Bell sentenced McNeil to 9-20 months in prison. For the misdemeanor offense, he was sentenced to an additional 150 days in prison to be served consecutively to the felony sentence.

Jeffrey Henke, 50, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Bell sentenced Henke to 7-18 months in prison.

Rodney Hamilton, 45, pled guilty to 1) two counts of assault on a female and 2) two counts of misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order. Judge Bell sentenced Hamilton to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. He was also sentenced to an additional 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Hamilton must wear an electronic monitoring device and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

James Gray, 35, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Judge Bell sentenced Gray to 120 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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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