

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts offender of felony habitual misdemeanor assault; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of August 29, 2016, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried two defendants, including one who was found guilty of felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Another three defendants entered guilty pleas. These proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge.

Shareef Thompson, 29, was tried for felony habitual misdemeanor assault. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Thompson to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Thompson must serve 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Robert Quinn, 34, was tried for 1) three counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault, 2) common law robbery, 3) communicating threats and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found Quinn *not guilty*. The State was unable to proceed on the habitual felon indictment as a result of the jury's verdict.

Brandon Crespo, 32, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. He was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

Eddie Stokely, 30, pled guilty to assault on a female. He was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Michael Drouin, 49, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Foust sentenced Drouin to 18 months of supervised probation and authorized a conditional discharge of the offense pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341(a4). As a condition of his probation, Drouin must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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