

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 3 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried three defendants in courtroom 5170 during the week of August 31, 2015. An additional defendant pled guilty to domestic violence crimes. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

Jose Espejo-Aponte, 29, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault on a female. The jury found Espejo-Aponte *guilty* of assault on a female and *not guilty* of assault by strangulation. Judge Levinson sentenced Espejo-Aponte to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Johnnie Ruffin, 23, was tried for 1) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) assault by pointing a gun and 3) communicating threats. The jury found Ruffin *not guilty*.

Seth Bott, 25, was tried for assault on a female. The jury found Bott *not guilty*.

Ricky Robinson, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault on a female. Robinson was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison.

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