

NEWS RELEASE

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Special Victims Team convicts 4 during trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the Special Victims Team's recent trial session, a jury found a defendant guilty of an assault offense, and another defendant pled guilty during jury selection. Two additional defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held during the week of August 26, 2019, before The Honorable George C. Bell and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

Michael McGregor-Graham, 32, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female and 3) communicating threats. The jury found him *guilty* of assault on a female and *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Bell sentenced McGregor-Graham to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

The State called Aresha Edenfield, 35, for trial. During jury selection, Edenfield pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Archie sentenced her to 12-24 months in prison. She was also sentenced to an additional 16-29 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Upon her release from prison, she must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Demondre Smith, 26, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Bell sentenced Smith to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Smith must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Ismael Soto, 28, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Bell sentenced him to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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