

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Domestic Violence Team convicts 3 defendants in Superior Court

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Three defendants pled guilty to domestic violence crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court on September 21 and September 23, 2016. These defendants, who were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Jonathan McCorkle, 42, pled guilty to 1) felony larceny, 2) felony fleeing to elude arrest, 3) assault on a female and 4) reckless driving. McCorkle was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 11-23 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, McCorkle must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay restitution to the victim.

Jeremy Smith, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Smith was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Smith must serve 10 months in prison and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Jaime Gonzalez-Cecena, 27, pled guilty to assault on a female. Gonzalez-Cecena was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

*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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