

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 3 defendants, 8 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Domestic Violence Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 for the week of October 1, 2012. The Superior Court Judge presiding was The Honorable Linwood O. Foust.

Scott Baldwin, 37, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. Judge Foust dismissed the charge at the close of the state's evidence.

William Jerome, 46, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Jerome was sentenced by Judge Foust to two days in jail and was given credit for two days time served. Judge Foust later decided to set aside the jury's guilty verdict; as a result, Jerome no longer stands convicted.

Harry Truesdale, 40, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant was tried in front of a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Eight defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Sylvester Mackin, 32, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Mackin was sentenced by Judge Foust to 17-21 months in prison.

James Gibson, 26, pled guilty to 1) habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) assault by strangulation. Gibson was sentenced by Judge Foust to 16-38 months in prison.

Travis Meeks, 30, pled guilty to 1) habitual misdemeanor assault, 2) possession of cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. Meeks was sentenced by Judge Foust to 29-47 months in prison.

Bart Blankenship, 37, pled guilty to assault on a female. Blankenship was sentenced by Judge Foust to 150 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Quince Finnie, 33, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) misdemeanor breaking and entering. Finnie was sentenced by Judge Foust to 240 days in the county jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

Brandon Lockhart, 26, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) felony possession of marijuana. Lockhart was sentenced by Judge Foust to 6-17 months in prison, that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation; as a condition of probation, Lockhart must serve 60 days in the county jail.

Jermaine Campbell, 31, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. He was sentenced by Judge Foust to 15-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation; as a condition of that probation, Campbell must serve 90 days in the county jail.

Jason Mudrock pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. He was sentenced by Judge Foust to 120 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation; as a condition of that probation, Mudrock must serve 15 days in the county jail.

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