

NEWS RELEASE

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18 convicted of sex offenses, domestic violence crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted 18 defendants in Superior Court during the week of October 1, 2018. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Johnny Kimble, 56, pled guilty to second-degree rape. Kimble was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Upon his release from prison, Kimble must register as a sex offender for 30 years. In November 1992, Kimble and the victim, who did not know each other, were walking on a secluded footpath when Kimble struck the victim on the back of the head and pushed her to the ground. He held her down and covered her mouth and nose, preventing her from breathing. He then raped her. She immediately reported this to police and obtained a sexual assault examination. After an investigation, the case went cold. Advancements in DNA technology allowed the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Sexual Assault Cold Case Unit to identify Kimble in January 2018.

Anita Mobley, 53, pled guilty to 1) statutory sex offense, 2) felony child abuse and 3) first-degree sex offense. Mobley was sentenced to 300-369 months in prison. Upon her release from prison, Mobley must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Rachau Sanders, 20, pled guilty to attempted first-degree sex offense. Sanders was sentenced to 120-204 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Sanders must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Tremonte Harrell, 20, pled guilty to second-degree sex offense. Harrell was sentenced to 67-141 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Harrell must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jerome Smith, 29, pled guilty to felony child abuse. Smith was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Johnny Socie, 42, pled guilty to felony stalking. Socie was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison.

Jesus Santos-Portillo, 23, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Santos-Portillo was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Santos-Portillo's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Santos -

Portillo must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Barry Johnson, 48, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Johnson was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Johnson's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Johnson must serve 130 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Larry Walker, 31, pled guilty to assault on a female. Walker was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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.

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