

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant, 18 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 November 5, 2012. The Superior Court Judge presiding in Courtroom 5170 was The Honorable Kenneth F. Crow

Elton Hamilton, 42, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

One defendant pled guilty when his case was called for trial:

Rhyshawd Rutledge, 35, pled guilty to assault on a female. Rutledge was sentenced by Judge Crow to 120 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months supervised probation.

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

Corey Ward, 36, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Ward was sentenced by Judge Crow to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Simmie Rogers, 21, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Rogers was sentenced by Judge Crow to 5-15 months in prison.

Donald Wheeler, 24, pled guilty to assault on a female. Wheeler was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

John Karl, 23, pled guilty to 1) obstruction of justice, 2) communicating threats, and 3) making harassing phone calls. Karl was sentenced by Judge Crow to 240 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation

Damon Reid, 29, pled guilty to assault on a female. Smith was sentenced by Judge Crow to 150 days in jail.

Andre Clark, 42, pled guilty to assault on a female. Clark was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Clark must serve 15 days in jail.

Jeffrey Davis, 40, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) violation of a domestic violence protective order. Davis was sentenced by Judge Crow to 150 days in jail.

Ashley Smith, 31, pled guilty to assault on a female. Smith was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

Israel Franks, 22, pled guilty to assault on a government official. Franks was sentenced by Judge Crow to 30 days in jail.

Michael Brooks, 28, pled guilty to assault on a female. Brooks was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

Oscar Harris, 36, pled guilty to violating a domestic violence protective order. Harris was sentenced by Judge Crow to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

Harold Washington, 45, pled guilty to assault on a female. Washington was sentenced by Judge Crow to 60 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

John Dupree, 45, pled guilty to assault on a female. Dupree was sentenced by Judge Crow to 150 days in jail.

Larry Crowder, 24, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Crowder was sentenced by Judge Crow to 60 days in jail.

Isaiah Person, 25, pled guilty to assault on a female. Person was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Charles Bickford, 31, pled guilty to assault on a female. Bickford was sentenced by Judge Crow to 75 days in jail; that sentence was suspending pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Dexter Lattimore, 29, pled guilty to assault on a female. Lattimore was sentenced by Judge Crow to 60 days in jail.

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