

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts domestic violence offender; 3 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of November 27, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted one defendant at trial and convicted three others who entered guilty pleas in Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Susan E. Bray, Superior Court Judge.

Justin Locke, 32, was tried for 1) two counts of assault on a female, 2) three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 3) discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found Locke *guilty* of one count of assault on a female, three counts of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found Locke *not guilty* of one count of assault on a female and discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation. Judge Bray sentenced Locke to 19-32 months in prison, as well as an additional 150 days in custody; those sentences were suspended pending Locke's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Locke must complete a certified intervention program for batterers, perform 100 hours of community service and wear an electronic monitor for 6 months.

Ryan Marsh, 23, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault and 2) assault inflicting serious injury in the presence of a minor. Judge Bray sentenced Marsh to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Marsh's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Marsh must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Jasmine Vasser, 23, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon and 2) assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Bray sentenced Vasser to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Vasser's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Vasser must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay restitution to the victims.

Corey Wilkes, 41, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Bray sentenced Wilkes to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending Wilkes' successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Wilkes must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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