

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team convicts five defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Domestic Violence Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 during the week of December 10, 2012, before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

Davorsea Hamrick, 21, was charged with assault on a female. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried before a jury. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Desmond Simon, 20, was charged with 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female and 3) resisting a public officer. The defendant pled not guilty and was tried in front of a jury. After the close of the State's evidence, the State voluntarily dismissed the charge of resisting a public officer based on the insufficiency of the evidence. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the charges of assault by strangulation and assault on a female.

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

Johnny Smith, 60, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Levinson sentenced Smith to 15-19 months in prison; this sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 28 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Smith must serve 100 days in jail.

Mitchell Gilmer, 41, pled guilty to assault on a female. Gilmer was sentenced to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 20 months of supervised probation.

Mark Wiggins, 26, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Wiggins was sentenced to 58 days in jail for the first count and 60 days in jail for the second count; the 60-day sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 22 months of supervised probation.

Harold Parlor, 40, pled guilty to assault on a female. He was sentenced to 56 days in jail.

Jamar Johnson, 23, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Johnson was sentenced to 300 days in jail.

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