

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic violence offenders sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted three defendants in Superior Court during the week of November 28, 2016. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge.

Damien Billy, 36, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) trafficking in cocaine by transportation. Billy was sentenced to a total of 100-141 months in prison.

Travis Flowers, 29, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. Flowers was sentenced to 41-62 months in prison.

Dominique Small, 28, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Small was sentenced to 11-23 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Small must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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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