

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one defendant during the week of January 3, 2017, and another defendant pled guilty. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell and the Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judges.

Howard Watson, 45, was tried for assault on a female. After a week-long trial, the jury found him *not guilty*.

Claudine Manning, 41, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Manning was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, Manning must perform 100 hours of community service.

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