

NEWS RELEASE

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Special Victims Team convicts defendants in Superior Court

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – More than fifteen defendants were convicted this month by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team in Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas February 5-19, 2018, in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Daren Moss, 51, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Moss was sentenced to a total of 63-97 months in prison. Moss was arrested in July 2017 after officers responded to a report of a domestic violence assault. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for injuries sustained during the assault. Moss has multiple prior convictions for misdemeanor assault.

Tony Davis, 33, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Judge Bell sentenced Davis to 26-41 months in prison. Davis was arrested after a concerned citizen flagged down officers regarding a domestic violence assault.

Manuel Santos-Delacruz, 41, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Santos-Delacruz was sentenced to 32-58 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years. He was arrested in January 2017 after a child disclosed abuse by Santos-Delacruz to her mother.

Tyrone Alexander, 35, pled guilty to five counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a child. Alexander was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years. Alexander was arrested after an investigation by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit revealed he was downloading child pornography from the Internet.

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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