

NEWS RELEASE

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10 defendants convicted of domestic violence crimes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team recently convicted 10 defendants of domestic violence crimes. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 on April 1, 2015, before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Antonio Massey, 29, pled guilty to 1) first-degree kidnapping and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Massey was sentenced to 77-105 months in prison.

William Snyder, 36, pled guilty to felony stalking. Snyder was sentenced to 31-47 months in prison.

Alando Walter, 23, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Walter was sentenced to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Walter must serve 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Sylvia Sheppard-Rhodin, 55, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Sheppard-Rhodin was sentenced to 27-42 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Dewan Polk, 27, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property and 2) assault with a deadly weapon. Polk was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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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