

NEWS RELEASE

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2 domestic violence offenders convicted of assault charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted two defendants in Superior Court on April 27, 2016. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Edrick Henighan, 40, pled guilty to two counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Henighan was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

James Wigfall, 35, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) felony breaking or entering. Wigfall was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Wigfall must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and pay \$679.99 in restitution to the victim.

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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