

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Domestic Violence Team tries 2 defendants; 3 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 24, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried two defendants and convicted three others who entered guilty pleas in Superior Court. These proceedings were held before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Stanley L. Allen, Superior Court Judges.

Shemeka White, 35, was tried for three counts of assault by pointing a gun. A jury found White *not guilty*.

Paul Marion, 35, was tried for 1) assault on a female, 2) assault by strangulation and 3) injury to personal property. A jury found Marion *not guilty*.

Alex Martinez-Portillo, 31, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Judge Lewis sentenced Martinez-Portillo to 80-108 months in prison.

Donald Stinson, 33, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon and 2) possession of a stolen firearm. Judge Lewis sentenced Stinson to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Stinson's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Stinson must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Joshua Carden, 31, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Lewis sentenced Carden to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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