

NEWS RELEASE

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10 domestic violence offenders convicted

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of May 15, 2017, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted 10 defendants in Superior Court. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Arthaniel Pinson, 26, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation, 2) felony breaking or entering and 3) assault on a female. Pinson was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

James Chavis, 47, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Chavis was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison.

Derrick Weldon, 38, pled guilty to assault on a female. Weldon was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Randell Mahatha, 26, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Mahatha was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Benjamin Taylor, 27, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Taylor was sentenced to 10-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Taylor must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Ronald Hamilton, 49, pled guilty to felony violation of a domestic violence protective order. Hamilton was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Hamilton must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

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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