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Special Victims Team convicts 20 of sex crimes, domestic violence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted 20 defendants in Superior Court during the week of July 8, 2019. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Among those convicted were:

Bryant Gray, 51, pled guilty to 1) incest, 2) statutory rape, 3) statutory sexual offense, 4) indecent liberties with a minor and 5) second-degree forcible rape. He was sentenced to 240-297 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Jermaine Black, 25, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. He was sentenced to 38-58 months in prison.

Montrell Herron, 24, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. He was sentenced to 31-50 months in prison.

Byron Vasquez-Miranda, 21, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a child. He was sentenced to 16-29 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Paul Dulin, 55, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 44 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

William Tate, 45, pled guilty to 1) sexual battery and 2) second-degree kidnapping. He was sentenced to 24-41 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Tate must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. Upon his release from jail, he must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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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