

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team convicts 8

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team convicted eight defendants in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of August 7, 2017. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge. Among those convicted were:

Tevin Brewer, 26, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) assault with a deadly weapon. Brewer was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

Raymond Chambers, 55, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Chambers was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison.

Douglas Bercini, 21, pled guilty to 1) felonious restraint and 2) assault on a female. Bercini was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Bercini's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Bercini must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

David Hopper, 23, pled guilty to felony violation of a domestic violence protective order. Hopper was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Hopper's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Hopper must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and wear an electronic monitor.

Jeremy Anderson, 31, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) simple assault. Anderson was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Anderson must complete a certified intervention program for batterers and undergo 6 months of continuous alcohol monitoring.

Anissa Williams, 44, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Williams was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 19 months of supervised probation. As conditions of her probation, Williams must perform 24 hours of community service and not possess any firearms.

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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