

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Man pleads guilty as trial begins; 4 others also convicted of domestic violence crimes**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Just as his trial was set to begin, a man pled guilty to domestic violence crimes in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Another four defendants entered guilty pleas. The defendants were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team during the week of October 10, 2016. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

After a jury was selected for his trial, Steven Gambrell, 28, pled guilty to 1) communicating threats and 2) harassing phone calls. Gambrell was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Gambrell must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Demarcus Huling, 30, pled guilty to assault on a female. Huling was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Huling must serve 52 days in jail and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Daniel Williamson, 33, pled guilty to 1) felony habitual misdemeanor assault, 2) assault by strangulation and 3) false imprisonment. Williamson was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Williamson must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Fransico Vera, 38, pled guilty to assault on a female. Vera was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Vera must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Latonya Leake, 44, pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny. Leake was sentenced to 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. [Click here](#) for resources and local events to raise awareness this month.

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