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## Special Victims Team convicts 4 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team recently tried one defendant and convicted four others who entered guilty pleas in Superior Court. The proceedings were held October 22-November 14, 2018, before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert and The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judges.

Ryan Hill, 41, was tried for 1) indecent liberties with a child and 2) three counts of statutory sex offense. After more than three weeks of trial, the jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Tawaylyn Johnson, 34, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Johnson to 16-29 months in prison. In June 2017, Johnson punched a woman in the eye inside a vehicle. She was able to get out of the vehicle and call 911 from a nearby store.

Deandre Dorsey, 22, pled guilty to five counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Dorsey to 42-63 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 48 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Dorsey must complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Antonio Cooper, 33, pled guilty to two counts of felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Cooper to 6-17 months in prison.

Carlos Neely, 36, pled guilty to 1) assault on a government official, 2) assault on a female and 3) assault on a child under 12. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Neely to a total of 225 days in custody; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

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