

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 1 defendant tried for domestic violence charges; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one case before a jury, and four other defendants entered guilty pleas during the week of November 16, 2015. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge.

Tristin Richardson, 29, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female and 3) assault inflicting serious injury. The jury found Richardson *not guilty*.

Dennis Kingsley, 52, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Kingsley was sentenced to 31-50 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Kingsley must serve 6 months in prison and complete a certified intervention program for batterers.

Corey Forneberger, 25, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) assault on a female and 3) assault with a deadly weapon. For the breaking or entering conviction, Forneberger was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison. For the assault charges, Forneberger was sentenced to an additional 75 days in custody. Both sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Jerry Johnson, 36, pled guilty to two counts of violating a domestic violence protective order. Johnson was sentenced to 300 days in prison.

Darius Sutton, 24, pled guilty to violating a domestic violence protective order. Sutton was sentenced to 47 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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