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Jury convicts domestic violence offender in car chase, shooting

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A domestic violence offender who used his vehicle to ram into a vehicle containing a woman and four children before shooting at the vehicle has been convicted by a jury. The trial was held Nov. 10-19, 2021, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team tried Kendrick Piggie, 32, for 1) attempted first-degree murder, 2) five counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 4) four counts of assault with a deadly weapon with a minor present, and 5) communicating threats.

At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Bell dismissed three counts of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation. The jury found him *guilty* of one count of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, four counts of assault with a deadly weapon with a minor present, and communicating threats. The jury found him *not guilty* of attempted first-degree murder and one count of discharging a weapon into an occupied vehicle in operation. Judge Bell sentenced Piggie to 60-84 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Piggie and the victim had been in a tumultuous, abusive relationship for years. In February 2019, Piggie argued with the victim and then began a 30-minute car chase in which he followed her vehicle, which was also occupied by four children. During the chase, Piggie rammed her vehicle, brandished a gun, and threatened to kill her. In fear, she ultimately drove to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Hickory Grove Division office, where Piggie rammed her car twice before shooting at her vehicle six times. Two of the gunshots struck the victim's vehicle. Then, Piggie fled the scene and wrecked his car only a few blocks away. He ran from his vehicle but was located by police at a nearby dumpster.

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