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Felony Special Victims Team trial session leads to 9 convictions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Special Victims Team convicted nine defendants during the team's most recent trial session. A jury found one defendant guilty of a domestic violence offense, and eight other defendants entered guilty pleas to sexual and domestic violence crimes. The proceedings were held May 8-17, 2023, before The Honorable Louis A. Trosch, Jr., The Honorable Donald R. Cureton, Jr., and The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judges.

Demetri Adams, 31, was tried for 1) assault on a female and 2) assault by strangulation. The jury found Adams *guilty* of assault on a female and *not guilty* of assault by strangulation. Judge Cureton sentenced Adams to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Adams must serve 10 days in jail.

Tony Bryant, 34, pled guilty to second-degree sex offense. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 71-146 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Bryant must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Mario Gomez-Saldana, 27, pled guilty to four counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Trosch sentenced him to a total of 64-116 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Gomez-Saldana must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Arturo Quiroz, 50, pled guilty to second-degree sex offense. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 58-130 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Quiroz must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Raymond Brown, 58, pled guilty to 11 counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Trosch sentenced Brown to a total of 26-50 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Brown must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Gumersindo Zagada, 57, pled guilty to indecent liberties with a child. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his

successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Zagada must serve 90 days in custody. He must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jose Manzano, 41, pled guilty to sexual battery. Judge Cureton sentenced Manzano to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. Manzano must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Nichquolas Beasley, 28, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Trosch sentenced him to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jonathan Nixon, 36, pled guilty to 1) assault by strangulation and 2) assault inflicting serious injury. Judge Cureton sentenced Nixon to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must undergo a substance abuse assessment and treatment, and he must complete an intervention program for batterers.

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