

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Special Victims Team convicts 1 at trial; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted four defendants during a recent trial session. The proceedings, which began December 2, 2024, were held in courtrooms 5110, 5170, and 5370 before the Honorable David H. Strickland, the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, and the Honorable Clifton H. Smith, Superior Court Judges.

Laree Briddell, 40, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) felony child abuse. The jury found her *guilty as charged*. Judge Strickland sentenced her to 44-65 months in prison.

On April 15, 2020, the defendant was with her 13-year-old son at a relative's house. She got into an argument with her son during which she slashed his face with a pair of scissors. Her son suffered a complex wound to his face that required plastic surgery to repair.

Johnathan Ramsey, 36, was tried for two counts of misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence protective order. The jury found the defendant *not guilty*.

Herbert Harris, 49, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge McKnight sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Harris must serve a split sentence of 90 days in jail.

Grays Keshner, 43, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Smith sentenced her to 45 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Keshner must serve 5 days in jail.

Michael Ivey, 37, pled guilty to assault on a female. Judge Smith sentenced him to 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Ivey must serve a split sentence of 7 days in jail.

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