

NEWS RELEASE

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Special Victims Team convicts 39 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Special Victims Team convicted 39 defendants during recent administrative court sessions in Superior Court during the week of January 6, 2025. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Among those convicted were:

Daniel Pitti Casazola, 43, pled guilty to 1) two counts of second-degree forcible sexual offense and 2) seven counts of sexual contact or penetration under the pretext of medical treatment. Judge Bell sentenced him to 116-260 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Nathan Martin, 33, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Bell sentenced him to 15-27 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Salvador Jaimes, 37, pled guilty to attempted statutory sex offense. Judge Bell sentenced him to 94-125 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrent with an active sentence of 216-320 months the defendant is already serving for a conviction in Cabarrus County. Jaimes must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Marco Antonio Perez-Santamaria, 23, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Bell sentenced him to 32-58 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Ezekiel Curry, 34, pled guilty to obstruction of justice. Judge Bell sentenced him to 9-12 months in prison. That sentence will run concurrent with a sentence the defendant is currently serving for a previous conviction.

Jermaine Peay, 29, pled guilty to 1) first-degree burglary and 2) sexual battery. Judge Bell sentenced him to 38-58 months in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Elie Maurice, 55, pled guilty to misdemeanor assault on a female. Judge Bell sentenced him to 10 days in jail.

Quavantis Austin, 23, pled guilty to misdemeanor assault on a female. Judge Bell sentenced him to 75 days in jail.

Marquise Grier, 38, pled guilty to second-degree kidnapping. Judge Bell sentenced him to 20-36 months in prison.

Derrick Sifford, 36, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Judge Bell sentenced him to 6-17 months in prison. Sifford also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a previous conviction. Judge Bell revoked that probation and activated his suspended sentence of 5-15 months. That sentence will run concurrent with the new sentence.

Tyler Melton, 27, pled guilty to crime against nature. Judge Bell sentenced him to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of the probation, the defendant must also surrender his teacher license and is prohibited from working or volunteering at any school.

Jeremiah Owens, 20, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Judge Bell sentenced him to 20-36 months in prison.

Derenzo Richard, 32, pled guilty to 1) second-degree kidnapping and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 23-40 months in prison.

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