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General Felony Team convicts two at trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's General Felony Team tried and convicted two defendants during the team's recent trial session. The proceedings, which began on September 15, 2025, and concluded yesterday, were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5170, before the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight and the Honorable David H. Strickland, Superior Court Judges.

Brian Ogbonna, 21, was tried for 1) three counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) failure to move over causing serious injury. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. For two of the assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury charges and the failure to move over causing serious injury charge, Judge Strickland sentenced him to two consecutive sentences of 24-41 months in prison for a total of 48-82 months in prison. For the remaining assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury charge, Ogbonna was sentenced to a consecutive sentence of 24-41 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Just after midnight on May 12, 2023, first responders from Medic responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of N. Tryon St. and Mallard Creek Church Rd. Officers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department also responded to the scene to block off the intersection with their patrol vehicles, with their flashing blue lights on, so first responders could safely treat patients involved in the accident. First responders determined that one of the drivers needed care, placed her on a gurney, and lifted the gurney into an ambulance for transport to the hospital.

Shortly after the first accident, Brian Ogbonna, the defendant, was driving on N. Mallard Creek Church Rd. at speeds estimated between 98-104 mph. He drove through the scene of the first accident and into the Medic ambulance, striking it hard enough to knock it off its frame. Inside the ambulance were two first responders and one of the drivers from the first accident. Each of them suffered serious injuries.

Jacob Hutchins, 32, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) carrying a concealed gun. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge McKnight sentenced Hutchins to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of the probation, Hutchins must serve a split sentence of 10 days in jail.

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