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4 convicted during Felony Special Victims Team trial session

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Special Victims Team tried three defendants, while two other defendants entered guilty pleas, during the team's recent trial session. The proceedings, which began on January 12, 2026, and concluded on January 22, 2026, were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5170, before the Honorable George C. Bell and the Honorable Matt J. Osman, Superior Court Judges.

Yukima Heard, 50, was tried for 1) felony stalking and 2) intimidating a witness. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Bell sentenced him 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, Heard must serve a split sentence of 6 months in jail.

From June 2023 to September 2023, the defendant contacted the victim over 20 times by phone and over a dozen times by text in violation of a no contact order issued pursuant to his release conditions on June 30, 2021.

Octavious Elmore, 37, was tried for 1) assault on a female, 2) second-degree kidnapping, 3) violation of a domestic violence protective order, and 4) breaking or entering to terrorize or injure. The jury found him *guilty* of the violation of a domestic violence protective order charge and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering. He was found *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Bell sentenced Elmore to 150 days in jail.

Karim Abdullah, 55, was tried for 1) indecent liberties with a child and 2) sexual battery. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Gregory Newton, 42, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) assault inflicting serious bodily injury, 3) assault on a female, and 4) assault by strangulation. For the assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, assault inflicting serious bodily injury, and assault on a female charges, Judge Bell sentenced Newton to 30-48 months in prison. For the assault by strangulation charge, he was sentenced to a consecutive sentence of 11-23 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Both sentences will run concurrent to a sentence Newton is serving for a previous conviction.

Demontre McClure, 35, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bell sentenced him to 19-32 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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