

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Domestic Violence Team tries 1 defendant; 7 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – One defendant was tried and seven others pled guilty to domestic violence crimes during the week of December 15, 2014. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team held the proceedings in courtroom 5130 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge. The defendants faced charges such as assault on a female, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault by pointing a gun.

Aaron Cleveland, 32, was tried for assault on a female. A jury found him *not guilty*.

Corey Walker, 34, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Walker was sentenced to 40-60 months in prison.

Francis Barnes, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault by pointing a gun. Barnes was sentenced to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Barnes must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, participate in a certified batterer's intervention program and be subject to random firearm searches of his home.

Maurice Hunter, 22, pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property. Hunter was sentenced to 15-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Hunter must serve 13 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Maurice McHolder, 40, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. McHolder was sentenced to a total of 126 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Steven Clark, 40, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Clark was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Andrew Williams, 36, pled guilty to assault on a female. Williams was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Anthony Bradshaw, 34, pled guilty to assault on a female. Bradshaw was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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