

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team tries 2 defendants; 9 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried two defendants and convicted nine others who pled guilty during the week of April 7, 2014. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge.

Xavier Sellers, 33, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, 2) communicating threats and 3) assault on a female. At the close of State's evidence, Judge Poovey granted the defendant's motion to dismiss the communicating threats and assault on a female charges. The jury then found Sellers *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Poovey sentenced Sellers to 55-78 months in prison. In June 2013, Sellers got into a verbal altercation with a woman on North Tryon Street in Charlotte. Sellers then brandished a box cutter and cut the victim in her face several times, resulting in more than 30 stitches on her face. The victim also suffered cuts to her neck and arms in the attack.

Bashar Momani, 29, was tried for communicating threats. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

The following defendants pled guilty:

Dontae Cheek, 32, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Cheek was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Cheek must serve 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Harold Ivery, 49, pled guilty to assault on a female. Ivery was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Ashley Jackson, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) assault on a female. Jackson was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Terrell Boulware, 33, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Boulware was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Antonio Johnson, 32, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Johnson was sentenced to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Tawayln Johnson, 29, pled guilty to 1) assault on a female and 2) battery of an unborn child. Johnson was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Jerry Kerns, 35, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Kerns was sentenced to 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Augustus Williams, 31, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Williams was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Marcus Cagua, 29, pled guilty to two counts of assault on a female. Cagua was sentenced to 105 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months supervised probation.

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