

NEWS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Team convicts 5 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team recently convicted five defendants. The defendants, who were convicted of crimes such as stalking and assault, entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 on April 29, 2015, before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Randy Smith, 57, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor stalking and 2) violation of a domestic violence protective order. Smith was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Smith must wear an electronic monitor for 6 months and complete a certified batterer's intervention program.

Annie Foster, 52, pled guilty to communicating threats. Foster was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Derrick Huntley, 28, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Huntley was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Matthew Hensley, 32, pled guilty to assault on a female. Hensley was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Tia Walker, 19, pled guilty to simple assault. Walker was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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