

NEWS RELEASE

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Trial, guilty pleas result in convictions of 6 domestic violence offenders

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of June 23, 2014, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team tried one defendant and convicted six others who entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge.

Anthony Asbury, 26, was tried for 1) assault by strangulation, 2) assault on a female and 3) false imprisonment. Judge Foust dismissed the charges of assault on a female and false imprisonment at the close of the State's evidence, and the jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the remaining charge.

A jury was selected for the trial against Jamarcus Huntley, 30, who was charged with 1) assault on a female and 2) felonious restraint. However, the State's prosecuting witness did not appear in court, and based on the particular facts of this case, the State was unable to proceed at trial without the prosecuting witness' testimony. The State then dismissed the charges.

Among the six defendants who pled guilty were:

Marquis Brown, 27, pled guilty to 1) assault inflicting serious bodily injury, 2) assault with a deadly weapon in the presence of a minor, 3) assault by strangulation and 4) assault on a female. Brown was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Brown must serve 226 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Thomas Carroll, 37, pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Carroll was sentenced to 17-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 127 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Ryan Truesdale, 47, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon in the presence of a minor and 2) injury to personal property. Truesdale was sentenced to 37 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. He was also sentenced to an additional 150 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Mark Lewis, 32, pled guilty to felony habitual misdemeanor assault. Lewis was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Lavonshea Fletcher, 26, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon and 2) injury to real property. Fletcher was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

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