

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man who cut victim's throat, other domestic violence offenders sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who cut a woman across her throat was among the nine defendants recently convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Team. The defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, during the week of August 24, 2015. Created by District Attorney Andrew Murray in 2012, the Domestic Violence Team works to prosecute defendants charged with crimes that occur between people in intimate relationships.

Among the defendants who were convicted were:

Joseph Brown, 60, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Brown was sentenced to 127-165 months in prison. In February 2015, Brown and the victim got into an argument. Brown picked up a shotgun, aimed it at the victim and pulled the trigger, however, the shotgun did not discharge. He then grabbed a razor and cut the victim across her throat. The victim temporarily escaped from Brown and called 911. Through a glass pane in the front door, responding officers saw Brown cutting the victim again as she tried to let officers into the home. Officers were able to break through the door and arrest Brown. The victim suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital, where she recovered from the attack.

Joshua Sloop, 36, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. Sloop was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison.

Eduardo Perez, 32, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. Perez was sentenced to 25-42 months in prison.

Darren Moore, 50, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) two counts of assault by pointing a gun. Moore was sentenced to 21-35 months in prison.

Michael Cook, 32, pled guilty to assault by strangulation. Cook was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison.

*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](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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