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Warrenton, NC - Warren County Criminal Superior Trial Court was held the week of July 11, 2016. The Honorable Henry W. Hight, Jr., Resident Superior Court Judge, presided for the session. District Attorney Michael D. Waters along with Assistant District Attorneys Onica F. Fuller and Mark L. Gregory appeared on behalf of the State of North Carolina.

Luchano Johnson was convicted of Second Degree Murder in the death of Daniel Martinez. Mr. Martinez was murdered in his home on October 11, 2014, in an attempted robbery. Mr. Johnson's sentencing was continued until after the trial and disposition of Rance Richardson's case in September 2016. This case was investigated by the NC State Bureau of Investigation and the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Tywan Ali Williams was convicted of Felony Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Felony Carrying a Concealed Gun, Driving While Licensed Revoked along with other related traffic matters and received an active sentence of 19 to 32 months in the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction (DAC). These cases were investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Warrenton Police Department.

Jerry Warren Pendergrass was convicted of a Felony Domestic Violence Protective Order Violation and Misdemeanor Assault Inflicting Serious Injury. He received an active sentence of 16 to 29 months in the DAC. This sentence is to be served at the expiration of the sentence that he is currently serving. This case was investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Reginald Southerland was convicted of Felony Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and received an active sentence of 26 to 41 months in the DAC. This case was investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

James Ayscue was convicted of Misdemeanor Sexual Battery and received a suspended sentence of 150 days. Mr. Ayscue was placed on supervised probation for 24 months and was ordered to register as a sex offender. He was also ordered not to have any contact with any minor under the age of 18 without an adult over the age of 21 present. This case was investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Richard Newman was convicted of Misdemeanor Assault Inflicting Serious Injury and received an active sentence of 120 days in a Misdemeanor Confinement Facility. This case was investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

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