

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries return guilty verdicts in two separate homicide trials on same day

On Friday August 27, 2010, after a three-week trial, a jury found Shanarld Laverscott Lawrence, age 31, guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter for the October 16, 2008, killing of Tito Bartolo Walton. The Honorable Eric Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to 77 to 102 months in the Department of Correction.

Also on Friday, August 27, 2010, after a one-week trial, a jury found Lawrence Aldous Black, age 28, guilty of First-degree Murder and Robbery with a Firearm for the February 16, 2008, robbery and murder of Carlos Adali Bonilla, age 41. The Honorable Robert Ervin, Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to life in prison without parole, as required by North Carolina's sentencing laws.

On Monday, August 23, 2010, the Homicide Team began a third homicide trial in a third courtroom. As of this date, the trial is still in progress.

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