

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist pleads guilty today, sentenced to 25-31 years in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – On January 30, 2012, Lavonte Davis, age 30, pled guilty to first degree rape, two counts of first degree sex offense, first degree kidnapping, and robbery with a dangerous weapon. The defendant pled guilty in front of The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5130 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

On July 8, 2007, Davis picked the victim up at a bus stop under the pretense of giving her a ride home. Instead, he drove to Phillip O. Berry High School, pulled a gun on the victim, and sexually assaulted and robbed her. Forensic nurses collected DNA from the victim.

The defendant was developed as a suspect after his DNA was collected from an unrelated felony conviction. His DNA was put into the national database (CODIS) and he was identified as her attacker.

Judge Williamson sentenced the defendant to a total of 307-378 months in prison (approximately 25-31 years).

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Lavonte Davis