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## **Gang leader sentenced to life in prison for 2009 murder**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Marco Davis, 39, was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the August 2009 killing of Palo Childress, 23. Today, after deliberating for less than two hours, a jury found Davis *guilty* as charged.

The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Davis to *life in prison without the possibility of parole* for the murder conviction, as well as an additional 282-348 months in prison to be served consecutively for the conspiracy offense.

Mr. Childress was killed in Charlotte on August 9, 2009. Davis was a gang leader who conspired with others to have the victim murdered.



**Marco Davis**

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