

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts woman of child abduction

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Andrea Endara, 27, was sent to prison following a jury's verdict that found her guilty of abducting a baby in Charlotte. The trial, which began on January 26, 2015, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt, Superior Court Judge.

Endara was tried for 1) child abduction, 2) two counts of second-degree kidnapping, 3) misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon and 4) misdemeanor assault on a child under age 12. On January 30, 2015, the jury found her *guilty* of child abduction and two counts of second-degree kidnapping. The jury found her *not guilty* of assault on a child, and the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Hunt sentenced Endara to three prison terms: 20-33 months in prison, 31-98 months in prison and 25-42 months in prison. Those sentences are to be served consecutively. Upon her release from prison, Endara must register with the Sex Offender & Public Protection Registration Program for 30 years.



Andrea Endara

In May 2012 – after spending months faking a pregnancy and even attending a baby shower in her honor – Endara abducted the child of a woman whom she'd befriended. Under the guise of helping the woman find a job, Endara drove the woman, who brought along her 4-year-old and 1-month-old, to an apartment complex in Charlotte. There, Endara took the children at knifepoint and went inside an apartment. She soon returned with the 4-year-old, leaving the baby inside, and then drove the woman and the older child back to their home. Police later found the baby unharmed.

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