

NEWS RELEASE

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Murderer sentenced to life in prison without parole

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Reuben Timothy Curry, 31, was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury found him guilty today of murdering 57-year-old Ronny Eugene Steele. The trial, which began on February 22, 2016, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Curry for first-degree murder. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Hayes sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In February 2013, three men armed with guns and wearing dark clothing – later identified as Curry, Charles Snowden and James Hunter – approached Mr. Steele and several of his companions outside a home on Wedgefield Drive in Charlotte. They intended to rob the group. An exchange of gunfire followed, and Mr. Steele was fatally shot in the back.



Reuben Curry

Curry was also shot during the incident. Police located him at an area hospital within minutes of the shooting.

Snowden previously pled guilty in connection with this case. In March 2015, a jury found Hunter guilty of first-degree murder. He was also sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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