

NEWS RELEASE

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Tyesha Roberts pleads guilty to voluntary manslaughter

Tyesha Roberts, age 17, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter in the death of Ms. LaQueda Hall, age 18. Roberts entered her plea on Thursday, March 10, 2011, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge. Judge Bell imposed an active sentence of 42 to 60 months in prison pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement. This sentence is in accordance with North Carolina's sentencing laws.

Hall was killed by the defendant on June 24, 2010. Roberts had recently started a relationship with the father of Hall's child. At approximately 12:00 A.M. the father of Hall's child was at a relative's home with Roberts. Witness accounts were that at this time, Hall entered the residence and began to assault Roberts. Further, witness accounts were that Roberts was standing at the kitchen sink and was attacked from behind by Hall. Roberts tried to fend off the blows, then reached for a kitchen knife on the counter and swung it once. Pieces of hair believed to be torn from Roberts' head were recovered at the scene by investigators. The Medical Examiner located one stab wound measuring one inch (1") in length and three inches (3") deep on the right side of Hall's neck and determined this to be the cause of death.

After a thorough review of the evidence by prosecutors, it was determined that Roberts was guilty of the crime of Voluntary Manslaughter and she subsequently pled guilty to that charge.

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