

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man sentenced to life in prison for Grier Heights murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Edward Duran Hicks, 35, will spend the rest of his life in prison for the murder of 32-year-old Nakio Terrill Cousart. The trial against Hicks began March 17, 2014, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Hicks for first-degree murder. On March 19, 2014, after deliberating for less than an hour, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Hicks to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In May 2012, Mr. Cousart was sitting in a vehicle on Zircon Street in Charlotte's Grier Heights community when Hicks approached, opened one of the car doors and shot Mr. Cousart four times in the back. Hicks was arrested weeks later at a local hotel.



Edward Hicks

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