

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist convicted at trial and sentenced to 32-39 years in prison

Darryl Thompson, 41, a dangerous criminal with a history of violence against women, was found *guilty* by a jury of first-degree rape and first-degree kidnapping. Thompson was convicted on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in courtroom 5170 after a four-day trial.

On September 4, 2005, a woman was walking on the track at Eastway Middle School in Charlotte. Thompson grabbed the woman and then raped her on the bleachers. There were no leads in the case until Thompson was arrested in 2008 on an unrelated rape charge. Thompson's DNA was then linked to the 2005 case.

He was sentenced to 32-39 years in prison by The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

Assistant District Attorney Samantha Pendergrass prosecuted the case. "It really is great to see closure after so long," Pendergrass said. "It affected her life so deeply. Now she knows she's safe."

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Darryl Thompson