

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man sentenced to 28 years in prison for sexual assault of child

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The three-week trial of a man who sexually assaulted a child ended with a guilty verdict and a sentence that will send the man to prison for a minimum of 28 years. Dragan Blazevic, 27, was prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team. The trial began March 23, 2015, before The Honorable Carl R. Fox, Superior Court Judge.

After the presentation of evidence by the State and the defense, the jury deliberated on the charges of 1) attempted rape of a child, 2) two counts of sexual offense with a child, 3) four counts of indecent liberties with a child and 4) sexual activity by a substitute parent. On April 14, 2015, the jury found him *guilty* of sexual activity by a substitute parent, one count of sexual offense with a child and two counts of indecent liberties with a child. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Fox sentenced Blazevic to prison terms of 300-420 months, 15-27 months and 25-42 months. Those sentences are to be served consecutively, totaling a minimum of approximately 28 years in prison.



Dragan Blazevic

In 2012, Blazevic was living with the victim's family in Charlotte, and in exchange for living expenses, Blazevic acted as caregiver for the children. During this time, he repeatedly sexually assaulted one of the children, an 11-year-old girl. After disclosing the assaults, the victim was treated at Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy and interviewed by professionals who are trained to conduct child-friendly forensic interviews at Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center. The victim, now age 13, showed great bravery and strength by facing her abuser and testifying at trial.

April is [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#). For the third year, District Attorney Andrew Murray has joined child advocates this month to encourage the people of Mecklenburg County to help put an end to child abuse. North Carolina law says that anyone who has cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected must make a report of the abuse.

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