

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Murderer convicted at trial, sentenced to life in prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Jeremiah Lamont Luke, 35, was sentenced to *life in prison without the possibility of parole* for the 2011 murder of Mikal Lee Legrande, 30. The trial began April 29, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards, Superior Court Judge.

Luke was tried for first-degree murder. After deliberating for approximately two hours today, the jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Edwards sentenced Luke to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In November 2011, Luke went to Wallace Road in Charlotte to confront Mr. Legrande about comments that had been written on Facebook. Luke and Mr. Legrande got into a verbal argument, and then Luke walked away. Luke went to his vehicle, pulled out a gun, walked back to Mr. Legrande and fatally shot him in the chest. In finding Luke guilty of first-degree murder, the jury rejected his claim of self-defense.



**Jeremiah Luke**

Luke is currently serving a sentence for a December 2012 conviction for attempted trafficking in cocaine in Mecklenburg County.

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