

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts driver for deaths of two children

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a jury convicted Dirk Jerome Brown, 33, in connection with the 2012 deaths of 1-year-old Jeremy Brewton, Jr. and 5-year-old Kadrien Pendergrass. The trial began April 30, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Brown was tried for two counts of misdemeanor death by vehicle. After deliberating for less than two hours today, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Lewis sentenced Brown to a total of 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail. As a result of the conviction, Brown's license will be revoked for at least one year.

In February 2012, Kadrien was pushing his brother Jeremy in a stroller as they walked to school on Shady Lane in Charlotte with their father and another sibling. The group had stopped by a stop sign at the intersection of Shady Lane and West Tyvola Road when a delivery truck driven by Brown turned at the intersection and ran over Kadrien and Jeremy. The children were pronounced dead at an area hospital.



Dirk Brown

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