

NEWS RELEASE

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Convictions send two rapists to prison for at least 34 years

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Two men have been convicted and sentenced to a minimum of 34 years in prison for raping a woman as she walked home in Charlotte. The defendants, who were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team, entered guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Today, Davan Lashawn Bynum, Jr., 17, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree rape, 2) two counts of first-degree sex offense and 3) first-degree kidnapping. He was sentenced to a total of 410-612 months in prison. In March, Resean Tyquan Lindsay, 17, pled guilty to the same charges, and he was also sentenced to a total of 410-612 months in prison. Upon their release from prison, both Bynum and Lindsay must register as sex offenders and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of their lives.

In April 2014, the victim was walking home when she noticed men following her. One asked her for a cigarette and offered to give her money if she performed a sex act on him. The victim refused. When she told the men she was going to call the police, she was struck from behind and taken to the area of the Bojangles' Coliseum. Both men, who were later identified as Bynum and Lindsay, then sexually assaulted the victim, raping her and forcing her to perform sex acts. During the assault, one of the defendants used the victim's cellphone to call her relative, and he told the relative to bring him money if she wanted the victim back. Eventually, however, Bynum and Lindsay let the victim go. Meanwhile, the victim's relative had called police. An analysis of DNA evidence collected from the victim matched that of Bynum and Lindsay.



Davan Bynum



Resean Lindsay

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