

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

May 23, 2016

Murderer sentenced to life in prison following jury's guilty verdict

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Jairus Tyrone Henley was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury found him guilty of the 2013 murder of 27-year-old Zhonton Berry. The trial began on May 16, 2016, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Henley, 37, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) first-degree burglary and 5) conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary. On May 20, 2016, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bridges sentenced Henley to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*, as well as an additional 120-164 months in prison.



Jairus Henley

In September 2013, Henley and his codefendant planned to rob Mr. Berry. Mr. Berry was asleep in an apartment on Snow Lane in Charlotte when he was fatally shot at least eight times. Henley and his codefendant took a television from the apartment, and Henley then sold it to a pawn shop for \$120.

Henley's codefendant previously pled guilty in connection with Mr. Berry's death. He will be sentenced at a later date.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

// End //