

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury's verdict sends murderer to prison for the rest of his life

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – James Stanley Daye will spend the rest of his life in prison for the 2012 killing of Walter Lee Gregory, 37. The trial of Daye began May 21, 2015, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

Before the trial began, Daye, 56, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Then, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Daye for first-degree murder. On May 28, 2015, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Hayes sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In an argument in October 2012, Daye told Mr. Gregory that if he returned to the condominium complex where Daye lived on Hunting Ridge Lane in Charlotte, Daye would kill Mr. Gregory. Later, when Mr. Gregory returned to the area, Daye approached him with a rifle and shot him in the chest. Mr. Gregory died at the scene.



James Stanley Daye

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