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Jury convicts defendant of murdering 22-year-old

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Montdrekus Moore, who gunned down 22-year-old Christian Alfredo Soto Mojica on a Charlotte street, was sentenced today to spend the rest of his life in prison for the 2016 murder. The trial began June 4, 2018, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Moore, 25, for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Today, a jury found Moore *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell then sentenced Moore to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*, as well as an additional 19-32 months in prison.

In November 2016, a young woman told Mr. Mojica about problems she was having with Moore, her mother's boyfriend. Mr. Mojica offered her a place to stay and walked her home to get her belongings. As they were leaving the apartment the woman shared with her mother, Moore approached in his vehicle and told the woman to get in. She refused and went back inside the apartment. An altercation involving Moore, the young woman and her mother soon ensued in the apartment. Mr. Mojica stepped in to try to calm the situation, and ultimately, everyone left the apartment. As Mr. Mojica and the young woman were walking away on The Plaza in Charlotte, Moore pulled up alongside them in his car, stepped out and fired one shot, striking Mr. Mojica in the neck. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. Moore was arrested the following morning.



Montdrekus
Moore

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