

NEWS RELEASE

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Man tried and convicted of second-degree murder in shooting death of cousin

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Ronald Tolson, 26, was tried for first-degree murder for the 2009 shooting death of his cousin, Markus Foster, 25. Today, in courtroom 5370, a jury found Tolson *guilty* of second-degree murder. The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Tolson to 180-225 months in prison, which was the maximum sentence allowed under the law.



Ronald Tolson

The murder occurred on December 12, 2009. Tolson confronted Foster just after 2am outside Foster's apartment. The two had been in an altercation earlier in the evening. In front of several mutual friends, Tolson fired multiple gunshots at Foster, striking Foster twice, once from behind as Foster was running away from Tolson. Foster died minutes later. Tolson fled the scene but was arrested several hours later at a nearby apartment complex.

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