

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Six defendants convicted in homicide cases

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team convicted six defendants today. Five of the defendants entered their guilty pleas in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Julia Lynn Gullett, Superior Court Judge.

A sixth defendant, Chauncey Sterling, 20, was *sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole* after a jury found him *guilty* of 1) first-degree murder and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the murder of Robert Latimer Barber, 64. For more information about Sterling's conviction, [click here](#).

Among the five who pled guilty were:

Prince Edward Hannah, 24, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon for the murder of Myron Billings, 30. Hannah was sentenced to a total of 240-312 months in prison. Shaun Morgan-Dalton, 24, previously pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) five counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) first-degree burglary, and 5) assault with a deadly weapon. Morgan-Dalton's convictions of second-degree murder, two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon are connected with the murder of Mr. Billings. Today, Morgan-Dalton was sentenced to a total of 240-313 months in prison. In April 2012, someone called Mr. Billings and directed him to Effingham Street in Charlotte. When Mr. Billings and his girlfriend arrived at the location, Hannah and Morgan-Dalton demanded property from the couple. Mr. Billings fought back and punched Hannah, who was armed with a shotgun. Hannah shot Mr. Billings in the chest and then Hannah and Morgan-Dalton fled in the victim's car. Mr. Billings died at an area hospital.



Prince Hannah

Bruck Fekadu, 17, and Jeremy Pate, 20, each pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury in connection with the September 2012 murder of Kydaryune Curry, 17. Last month, Samuel Walker, 19, also pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury in connection with Mr. Curry's murder. Fekadu, Pate and Walker will be sentenced at a later date. Charges against co-defendants in the case are still pending.

*Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge.*

*For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the “Understanding Criminal Court” section of the DA’s website at [www.charmeckda.com](http://www.charmeckda.com).*

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