

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Chauncey Sterling convicted at trial, sent to prison for life

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Chauncey Sterling, 20, will spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury convicted him today of the 2011 murder of Robert Latimer Barber, 64. The trial began June 10, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Sterling was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Today, after deliberating for about an hour, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Sterling to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

On the morning of April 22, 2011, Mr. Barber left the Caribou Coffee restaurant on Fairview Road in Charlotte, where he'd stopped with his wife. He decided to walk to his nearby home when his wife drove to work. Sterling, who was in the area looking for someone to rob, followed Mr. Barber from the coffee shop. On Mullens Ford Road, Sterling approached Mr. Barber, pointed a gun at him and attempted to rob him. Mr. Barber grabbed the gun and struggled with Sterling. That's when Sterling shot Mr. Barber twice. He died at the scene.



Chauncey Sterling

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