

NEWS RELEASE

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Final Good Samaritan Murder Case Ends with Guilty Plea

CHARLOTTE, NC – Thomas Marcus, age 22, pled guilty to Accessory After the Fact to 1st Degree Murder in the death of Ms. Olivia Cook Sigmon as well as Attempted 2nd Degree Kidnapping. Marcus was a juvenile at the time the crimes were committed, but the serious nature of the charges necessitated their transfer from the juvenile division of District Court to the Superior Court, where Marcus could be treated as an adult.

Marcus entered his plea on Friday, June 10, 2011, in courtroom 5350, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge, imposed a sentence of 114 to 146 months in prison; upon his release from that prison term, Marcus must be on supervised probation for 36 months. The active prison sentence is in the aggravated range of North Carolina's statutory structured sentencing guidelines.

Ms. Sigmon was shot and killed by Anthony Marcus, the brother of Thomas Marcus, on July 3, 2004, as she was returning home with family and friends from an evening at Carowinds. Ms. Sigmon remained at an intersection to see if she could render assistance to Anthony and Thomas Marcus who were involved in a vehicle collision when the two attempted to take her car.

Anthony Marcus was tried for the murder of Ms. Sigmon in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in April of 2010 and was found guilty after a four-week trial. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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