

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury finds man guilty of two murders; sentenced to life in prison

CHARLOTTE, NC – Following an eight-day trial, Montrez Williams, age 20, was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder.

The jury trial took place in courtroom 5370 at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge, presided.

In 2008, Montrez Williams shot and killed 17-year-old Josh Davis and 18-year-old Terry Long. Despite shooting the two unarmed victims in the back, the defendant claimed that he acted in self-defense. The jury found that Williams did not act in self-defense, but rather that he acted with premeditation and deliberation with the specific intent to kill Mr. Davis and Mr. Long.



Montrez Williams

Members of the victims' family were present throughout the trial and exclaimed "This is justice!" outside of the courthouse after the verdict. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police detectives and command staff, including Chief Rodney Monroe, were present in support of the family and the prosecution when the verdict was announced.

Williams received two consecutive prison sentences of *life without the possibility of parole*.

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