

NEWS RELEASE

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Man pleads guilty to murders, sentenced to life in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – On Monday, Scott Edwin Davis, 50, pled guilty to two counts of First Degree Murder and one count of Attempted First Degree Murder. Davis was sentenced by the Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, to two consecutive sentences of *life in prison without the possibility of parole* followed by an additional 157-198 months in prison.

These charges stem from the December 13, 2008, murders of Gabrielle Kinard, 38, and her son Anjelo Kinard, 18, as well as the attempted murder of Gabrielle Kinard's daughter Gabriella Kinard, 15. On that evening, at approximately 11:45 p.m., police, medic and fire responded to a call for service at 4808 Thornwood Road. When officers arrived they found the defendant on the scene. He admitted shooting the victims. Gabrielle Kinard was found face down in the front yard near a van parked in the driveway. She had suffered two gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. Anjelo Kinard was found face down on the living room floor. He was non-responsive but breathing. He was taken to Carolinas Medical Center where he later died as a result of gunshot wounds.

Gabrielle Kinard had been living at the house with her family and the defendant who was the father of her 5-month-old daughter. Detectives learned the family had a discussion with the defendant that evening about the defendant moving out of the house because of recent events including his job loss. The defendant agreed to leave but then went into the bedroom he shared with Gabrielle Kinard, got his gun and started firing. He shot Angelo Kinard inside the home. Gabrielle Kinard tried to run from the defendant, but he followed and shot her. Gabriella Kinard also ran but fell and was shot once, with the bullet grazing her right cheek. She then ran down the street to get help from a neighbor. Mr. Davis admitted to homicide detectives that he shot all three victims.

This case was scheduled to go to trial in August of this year. The trial was expected to last four to six weeks. The defendant's guilty plea eliminates years of appeals and ensures that the defendant will never leave the confines of a North Carolina prison. The decision to allow this defendant to enter a guilty plea was made after consulting the family of Gabrielle and Anjelo Kinard.

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