

NEWS RELEASE

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26-year-old woman convicted at trial for 2009 killing [Corrected 8/22/11]

CHARLOTTE, NC – Sabrina Black, 26, was found guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter in the death of Mary Wilson. After a four-day trial, the jury rendered its verdict on Thursday, August 18, 2011, in Courtroom 5370 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge, imposed a sentence of 62-84 months in prison.



Sabrina Black

On December 13, 2009, in the parking lot of Dot's Hot Spot on Wilkinson Blvd., the defendant fired a single shot that killed Mary Wilson. According to the defendant, she did not intend to kill Ms. Wilson. During an interview with police detectives, the defendant claimed that she retrieved her gun from her car to break-up a fight. According to the defendant, while Ms. Wilson was trying to prevent the defendant from shooting the gun, it accidentally went off and killed Ms. Wilson.

The District Attorney's Office first tried this case earlier this year, but that jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

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