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Jury convicts man of first-degree murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Daniel Blakney, 38, will spend the rest of his life in prison for the July 2015 murder of David Doyle, 64. The trial, which began on August 13, 2018 and ended today, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Blakney for 1) first-degree murder, 2) first-degree kidnapping, 3) first-degree burglary, and 4) common law robbery. The offenses were committed on July 18, 2015 in Charlotte.

The jury found Blakney *guilty* as charged. Following the jury's verdict, Judge Kuehnert sentenced Blakney to *life in prison without the possibility of parole* for the murder conviction and a total of 252-336 months in prison for the other convictions. Charges against two co-defendants in this case remain pending.

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