

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Man sent to prison for shooting Cornelius police officer**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Greyson Ferrell, who shot a Cornelius police officer responding to a call for assistance at his home, has been sent to prison.

Ferrell, 19, pled guilty in August to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer. On September 11, 2017, The Honorable W. Todd Pomeroy, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Ferrell to 92-123 months in prison, the maximum penalty Ferrell was eligible to receive for the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. He was also sentenced to an additional 31-50 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation.



**Greyson Ferrell**

In May 2015, Lt. James Quattlebaum and Officer Jeffery Heinz of the Cornelius Police Department responded to a domestic violence report at a Cornelius home. The officers were speaking with people at the home when 16-year-old Ferrell, who had no criminal record prior to this incident, walked down the stairs as he wore a bullet-proof vest and shot Lt. Quattlebaum, who was standing just outside the front door.

Officer Heinz, who was inside the home, then fired at Ferrell. Ferrell's vest stopped those bullets but knocked him to the floor. Ferrell was taken into custody. Lt. Quattlebaum, who was also wearing a bullet-proof vest, was shot in the abdomen. Lt. Quattlebaum was seriously injured and hospitalized, however, his vest protected him from what would have been a life-threatening injury. In addition to multiple Cornelius officers who immediately responded to the incident, officers from Huntersville and Davidson provided assistance to the Cornelius police.

The Cornelius Police Department turned over the investigation to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The District Attorney's Office is grateful for the cooperation of Cornelius police, who were consulted in the disposition of this case, and for the thorough work of CMPD investigators.

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