

NEWS RELEASE

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Murderer convicted at trial; sentenced to life in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Warren Jae Avery, 24, was sent to prison for the rest of his life after a jury convicted him of the murder of Palo Childress, 23. The trial began September 9, 2013, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Avery was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. After deliberating for approximately 20 minutes, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Evans sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*, as well as an additional 140-177 months in prison.

In August 2009, Avery fatally shot Mr. Childress in Charlotte after Marco Davis, a gang leader, ordered that Mr. Childress be killed.

In February, a jury also convicted Davis, 39, of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, as well as an additional 282-348 months in prison. Two other co-defendants have previously pled guilty in connection with the case.



Warren Jae Avery

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