

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man of robbery, assault

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury has found Jamel Whatley guilty of robbing a man and beating him with a brick. The trial, which began September 16, 2015, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Jamel Whatley, 27, was tried for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. On September 22, 2015, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Lewis sentenced Whatley to a total of 108-150 months in prison.

In August 2014, the victim was walking along Central Avenue in Charlotte when Whatley grabbed him from behind and hit him in the face with a brick, knocking the victim to the ground. Whatley continued to strike the victim with the brick while Whatley's 16-year-old female codefendant stole the victim's iPhone from his pants' pocket. Whatley and his codefendant fled when they saw the headlights of an approaching car. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police were quickly able to link Whatley to the robbery because he was wearing an electronic monitor as part of his post-release supervision, and the monitor showed that he was at the scene of the crime. When Whatley was arrested – within 24 hours of the robbery – police found that he was still in possession of the stolen iPhone. Whatley's codefendant previously pled guilty in connection with the crime.



Jamel Whatley

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