

NEWS RELEASE

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Man who killed woman, unborn child sentenced to life in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who shot a 17-year-old girl, killing her and her unborn child, was sentenced today to spend the rest of his life in prison. Darne Nicholas Brown's trial began on September 10, 2018, and ended on September 28 with the jury's guilty verdicts. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Brown, 28, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) murder of an unborn child and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found Brown *guilty* as charged. In a sentencing hearing held today, Judge Levinson sentenced Brown to two consecutive sentences of *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.



Darne Brown

In 2012, 17-year-old Hawa Gabbidon was found fatally shot at Thereasea Clark Elder Park in Charlotte. She was approximately six weeks pregnant. Brown told police he believed he may have been the father of the child. He was arrested and charged with the murders in 2016.

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