

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist sent to prison for at least 47 years after jury's guilty verdict

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Damario Coxton, 19, was sentenced to at least 47 years in prison after a jury found him guilty today of rape, kidnapping, robbery and other offenses in the attack of a Charlotte woman. The trial began Oct. 6, 2014, in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried Coxton for 1) three counts of first-degree rape, 2) three counts of first-degree sex offense, 3) first-degree kidnapping, 4) second-degree kidnapping, 5) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 6) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 7) first-degree burglary. Based on evidence presented at trial, the State pursued charges best supported by the evidence and announced at the close of the State's evidence that prosecutors would pursue the charges of common law robbery and conspiracy to commit common law robbery rather than robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury then found Coxton *guilty* of three counts of first-degree rape, three counts of first-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping, the lesser-included offense of felonious restraint, common law robbery, conspiracy to commit common law robbery and first-degree burglary.



Damario Coxton

Judge Kincaid sentenced Coxton to four separate prison sentences of 221-326 months, 221-326 months, 67-93 months and 59-83 months. Those sentences are to run consecutively, totaling a minimum of 47 years in prison. Upon his release from prison, Coxton must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.

In November 2012, Coxton and his co-defendant, Davius Boyd, kicked in the door to the victim's home in Charlotte. Armed with a gun, the men searched the home for valuables and then sexually assaulted the victim, who did not know her assailants. Coxton and Boyd forced the victim to drive to an ATM at a nearby bank to withdraw money from her account. After they'd obtained the money, Coxton and Boyd took the victim back to her home and then fled in her vehicle.

Boyd previously pled guilty to first-degree rape, first-degree sex offense, first-degree burglary and robbery with a dangerous weapon. He will be sentenced at a later date.

The DA's Office commends the victim, who showed great courage by facing her attacker, testifying at trial and helping prosecutors secure justice and protect Mecklenburg County.

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