

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

October 18, 2012

Man convicted of murder, sentenced to life in prison without parole

CHARLOTTE, NC— Antoine Dion Young, 31, pled guilty today to First Degree Murder, Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle in the death of Christopher Julian Radok, 55. Young pled guilty in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge. Judge Morgan imposed the sentence of *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

On the morning of January 10, 2011, Young broke into Mr. Radok's home and attacked Mr. Radok when he returned home from work. Young admitted to hitting Mr. Radok with a baseball bat and stealing items from the home.

Crime scene investigators collected several knives found near Mr. Radok's body. They also collected bloody clothing, a bloody baseball, and the victim's identification from a nearby trash can.

The medical examiner reported that Mr. Radok sustained both sharp trauma and blunt trauma injuries to his head, face, chest, back, arms, hands, and legs.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Violent Criminal Apprehension Team arrested Young at his parents' home, where they also found more bloody clothing and items stolen from Mr. Radok. These items were tested and it was confirmed that they contained Young's DNA.

Mr. Radok's family was present in the courtroom for Young's guilty plea and sentencing. Prosecutors in this case met with the family and they agreed with the decision to allow the defendant to plead guilty as charged and receive a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

// End //



Antoine Young