

NEWS RELEASE

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Rapist tried, convicted, sentenced to at least 84 years in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – On October 26, 2011, Jarrod Willis, 30, was convicted of first-degree rape, first-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping, and robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury found the defendant *guilty* after a three-day trial in front of the Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5150 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

On March 12, 2009, Willis drove up beside the victim and forced her into his car at gunpoint. He drove to a secluded location and sexually assaulted her, then robbed her. Forensic nurses collected DNA evidence from the victim.

The defendant was developed as a suspect after his DNA was collected from an unrelated felony conviction. His DNA was put into the national database (CODIS) and he was identified as her attacker.

Judge Kincaid sentenced the defendant to a total of 1,018-1,259 months in prison (approximately 84-105 years).

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Jarrod Willis