

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury returns verdict today, convicts man of voluntary manslaughter**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Keith Tyron Henderson, 35, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter for causing the death of 35-year-old Eric Stokes. The trial began November 3, 2014, in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Richard L. Doughton, Superior Court Judge.

The State was trying Henderson for second-degree murder, but before jury deliberations, Judge Doughton ruled that the jury could only consider the charges of voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter.

After the jury found Henderson guilty of voluntary manslaughter, Judge Doughton sentenced him to 97 to 129 months in prison.

In June 2013, Henderson and Mr. Stokes, who were friends, were at a gas station on The Plaza in Charlotte. While sitting inside a vehicle, Henderson placed Mr. Stokes in a chokehold, killing him. Henderson drove away with Mr. Stokes' body and then left the body in the vehicle at an apartment complex on Snow Lane in Charlotte.

Henderson has prior felony convictions for second-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, and possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance.

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