

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man of involuntary manslaughter in fatal wreck

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a jury convicted Cameron Wells, 19, in connection with a wreck that killed his friend, Enrique “Ricky” Ochoa, 23. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney’s Homicide Team began the trial on November 18, 2013, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge.

Wells was tried for involuntary manslaughter. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Wells to 13-25 months in prison.

In July 2012, Wells was speeding as he drove on Bain School Road in Mint Hill. When he came to a curve, Wells lost control and crashed into a tree. Mr. Ochoa, who was the front seat passenger, was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. Wells and another teenage passenger in the vehicle were trapped inside and had to be rescued by firefighters. They suffered serious injuries.

Wells had been drinking liquor shortly before the wreck. A witness testified that she saw Wells driving close to 100 mph just moments before the crash. The speed limit where the wreck occurred is 35 mph.



Cameron Wells

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