

NEWS RELEASE

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After trial testimony, man pleads guilty to attempted murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – After the trial against Ryan Hopkins, 21, began and the court heard testimony from the victim, Hopkins decided to plead guilty today in connection with a shooting that occurred in Charlotte's Grier Heights neighborhood.

The trial began December 11, 2013, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge. The case was prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team.

Following testimony from the victim, Hopkins pled guilty to 1) attempted first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Boner sentenced him to 180-228 months in prison.

On May 5, 2012, Hopkins and the victim encountered each other at a block party and got into an argument. Later, they were involved in a brief scuffle on Burkland Drive. Hopkins left, went to his home and retrieved a gun. He then returned and fired multiple gunshots at the victim and his friend as they ran away. The victim was shot once in the back of the neck.



Ryan Hopkins

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