

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

December 15, 2011

Jury finds man guilty of involuntary manslaughter

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Tyler Stephen Stasko, 23, was tried for three counts of second-degree murder for the April 4, 2009, car wreck that killed 45-year-old Cynthia Furr, her 2-year-old daughter McAllister Price, and Stasko's passenger, 13-year-old Hunter Holt. On December 13, 2011, after a six-day trial, a jury found Stasko guilty of three counts of involuntary manslaughter, a lesser included charge of second-degree murder. The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to 15-18 months in prison for each charge, to run consecutively, for a total of 45-54 months.

On the evening of April 4, 2009, the defendant, with two passengers in his car, began racing at the intersection of York Road and Shopton Road with a black Camaro. Witnesses testified that the two cars reached speeds of 100 MPH while racing south on York Road. The defendant slammed into Cynthia Furr's car as she pulled out of her subdivision at the intersection of York Road and Riverpointe Drive. A crash reconstruction by CMPD showed that the defendant was going at least 86 MPH when he hit Cynthia's car.

// End //