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DA Murray to announce aggressive homicide trial schedule for 2014

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – As homicide prosecutors begin their first murder trial of 2014 on Monday, Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray will unveil his office's plans to take a record number of homicide cases to trial this year in order to provide justice for victims and closure for their families.

The prosecution of violent crimes, particularly homicides, was an early priority for Mr. Murray when he took office in 2011. Since that time, Mr. Murray has increased the number of prosecutors on the Homicide Team, as well as the number of homicide trials prosecuted per year. In the five years before Mr. Murray took office, there were an average of 8.6 homicide trials per year in Mecklenburg County. In 2013, the Homicide Team tried 14 cases.

Mr. Murray and Assistant District Attorney Bill Stetzer, who supervises the DA's Homicide Team, will be available during a press conference Monday to discuss details about plans to pursue an aggressive homicide trial schedule this year.

Members of the media are invited to attend the press conference, which will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2014, at the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office. The DA's Office is located in the Historic Courthouse at 700 E. Trade St., Charlotte. For more information, please contact Meghan Cooke at meghan.a.cooke@nccourts.org.

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