

NEWS RELEASE

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Man sentenced to at least 47 years in prison for sexually assaulting woman twice

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Daven Lorenzo Teeter, 23, was sentenced today to at least 47 years in prison after a jury convicted him of sexually assaulting and robbing a Charlotte woman twice within two years. The trial began on February 24, 2014, before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried Teeter for 1) first-degree rape, 2) first-degree sex offense, 3) attempted first-degree sex offense, 4) four counts of first-degree kidnapping, 5) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 6) two counts of breaking or entering and 7) communicating threats. On March 3, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Today, Judge Poovey sentenced Teeter to 574-726 months (approximately 47-60 years) in prison. Upon Teeter's release from prison, he must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life.



Daven Teeter

Teeter sexually assaulted the same woman at her Charlotte home in two separate incidents.

The first incident occurred in April 2010 when Teeter forced his way into the woman's home at knifepoint. Teeter bound her arms and legs, covered her mouth and attempted to sexually assault her. Then, Teeter took cash and jewelry and fled on foot. Two children were at the home during the incident. Although police recovered the knife and clothing worn by the assailant, they were unable to immediately identify a suspect.

The following year, in October 2011, Teeter entered the same woman's home by prying open a hole in the roof and then rappelling inside. After entering the home, he raped the woman while threatening her with a knife. He then put the woman in the trunk of her own car and put her daughter, who was also home, in the back seat and drove to a local bank. Teeter held the daughter out of the car and told her to enter her mother's personal identification number at an ATM to withdraw cash. Soon, he abandoned the vehicle, leaving the woman and her daughter behind.

Surveillance video at the ATM captured an image of Teeter, and he was soon arrested. Police connected Teeter to the earlier sexual assault when they discovered that DNA evidence collected in both cases matched Teeter's DNA.

The prosecution of this case would not have been possible without the courage shown by the victim and her children, who faced their attacker and testified at trial. The District Attorney's Office would like to thank them, as well as the police and civilian witnesses who helped prosecutors seek justice for the victims and protect our community from a dangerous offender.

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