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Jury convicts Rayquan Borum of 2016 murder of Justin Carr

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Rayquan Borum was sentenced today to spend at least 24 years in prison for the 2016 murder of 26-year-old Justin Carr. The trial, which began February 11, 2019, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Borum, 24, for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of second-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judges Hayes then sentenced him to a total of 290-370 months in prison.

On September 21, 2016, Mr. Carr went to uptown Charlotte to peaceably protest, joining community members who had gathered to make their voices heard in the wake of Keith Lamont Scott's death. At one point during the protest, a confrontation between police and protesters occurred outside of the Omni Charlotte Hotel. It was during this confrontation that Borum – who had earlier participated in the looting of a nearby business – pulled out a gun and pointed it in the direction of police. The gun did not fire, so he turned and aimed again, pulling the trigger. The shot struck Mr. Carr in the head, causing catastrophic injuries. Mr. Carr died in the hospital the following day.

Street cameras captured Borum firing the shot and fleeing the scene. Witnesses also testified to seeing Borum fire the shot. In an interview with police, as well as phone calls he placed from the Mecklenburg County Jail, Borum admitted to the shooting.

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