

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team completes 2-week trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team recently completed a two-week trial. The trial, which began on March 7, 2016, and ended on March 18, 2016, was held in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Jeffrey P. Hunt, Superior Court Judge.

Tijuan Sifford, 21, was tried for 1) indecent liberties with a child, 2) first-degree statutory sex offense and 3) attempted statutory sex offense. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Hunt dismissed the charge of attempted statutory sex offense. The jury found Sifford *not guilty* of indecent liberties with a child. The jury found him guilty of first-degree statutory sex offense, however, the jury did not find that Sifford was at least 16 years old at the time of the incident. As this was a necessary finding for judgment to be entered, Judge Hunt was required to dismiss the charge.

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