

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Edward Sanchez receives consecutive life sentences for murders of 4 victims

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury's guilty verdicts today ensured that Edward Sanchez will spend the rest of his life in prison for the February 2015 murders of four people in Mecklenburg County. The trial began March 20, 2017, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Sanchez, 21, for 1) four counts of first-degree murder and 2) attempted first-degree murder. Today, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Levinson then sentenced him to four consecutive sentences of *life in prison without the possibility of parole*, as well as an additional 157-201 months in prison.

These charges stemmed from two incidents. On February 22, 2015, Rasool Jaleel Harrell, 22, was slain, and another man was seriously injured in Matthews. Two days later, Jonathan Cosme Alvarado, 23, Jusmar Isiah Gonzaga-Garcia, 21, and Mirjana Puhar, 19, were murdered in Charlotte.

Ethical obligations prohibit the District Attorney's Office from commenting further at this time as charges remain pending against Sanchez's codefendants.

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