

NEWS RELEASE

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Man sentenced to life in prison for woman's 2007 murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Emileo Estevez Blount was sentenced to life in prison after a jury found him guilty in the 2007 murder of 43-year-old Tawanna Montgomery. The trial began May 18, 2015, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Blount, 24, for 1) first-degree murder under North Carolina's Felony Murder Rule and 2) nine counts of attempting to discharge a firearm into an occupied vehicle. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Because the defendant was under age 18 at the time of the offense and the jury convicted Blount of first-degree murder solely under the Felony Murder Rule, Judge Hayes was required to sentence Blount to *life in prison* with the possibility of parole after 25 years for the murder offense. For the remaining charges, Judge Hayes also sentenced Blount to additional sentences totaling 145-220 months in prison. Those sentences are to be served consecutively to the sentence of life in prison.



Emileo Blount

Charges against a codefendant in this case are still pending.

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