

NEWS RELEASE

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Man sentenced to 31 years in prison for sex assault, robberies

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A jury has convicted a man who sexually assaulted a woman and then robbed and assaulted another woman two hours later. Thanks to the testimony of the brave victims, the efforts of a Good Samaritan and the work of law enforcement and prosecutors, Davonn Belk will now spend at least 31 years in prison. The trial, which began on May 15, 2017, was held in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried Belk, 29, for 1) first-degree sex offense, 2) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) first-degree kidnapping, 4) possession of cocaine and 5) misdemeanor flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. On May 23, 2017, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Sumner then sentenced him to 380-528 months in prison.



Davonn Belk

In May 2015, a woman was waiting at a bus stop on Berryhill Road in Charlotte when Belk drove by multiple times. He eventually stopped, asking the woman if she needed a ride. When she got into Belk's car, he drove her to an abandoned home, pulled out a gun and forced her inside. There, he sexually assaulted the woman and took the battery from her cellphone so that she could not call for help when he fled.

Two hours later, another woman was sitting at a bus stop on Sharon Lakes Road when Belk drove by several times. He got out of his car, approached the woman and soon drew a gun. He assaulted her with the gun and his fists and then stole her bag. A man who was nearby heard the victim's screams and saw Belk running away. The man chased Belk to his car, and when Belk began to drive away, the Good Samaritan got into his own vehicle and began to follow Belk. Police soon located Belk, and a pursuit ensued into South Carolina, where he was eventually taken into custody. Inside his car, police found cocaine and the second victim's property. DNA evidence, as well as the matching descriptions of Belk and his vehicle, identified him as the suspect in the sexual assault.

The District Attorney's Office would like to extend its sincere thanks to the courageous victims, whose testimony secured justice and protected the community from this dangerous offender, and to the Good Samaritan, who placed himself in harm's way to assist a victim in need.

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