

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries unable to reach unanimous verdicts in homicide trials

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mistrials have been declared in the cases of two defendants charged in connection with the July 2015 murder of David Doyle, Jr., 64. Both trials were held before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The trial of Daniel Blakney, 38, began on April 30, 2018. Blakney, 38, was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) common law robbery, 3) first-degree kidnapping and 4) first-degree burglary. On May 8, 2018, Judge Hayes declared a mistrial when jurors indicated that they were unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

The trial of Blakney's codefendant, Tardra Bouknight, began the following week on May 14, 2018. Bouknight, 34, was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) common law robbery, 3) first-degree kidnapping and 4) first-degree burglary. Judge Hayes declared a mistrial on May 23, 2018, when jurors informed the court they could not reach a unanimous verdict.

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