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Jury convicts habitual felon who held pregnant woman at gunpoint

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Johnathan Tyler Autry was sentenced to spend more than 32 years in prison after a jury convicted him of robbing a pregnant woman and then holding her hostage at gunpoint when he was confronted by police. The trial, which began May 21, 2019, was held in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Lori I. Hamilton, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried Autry, 29, for 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) first-degree kidnapping, 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 4) first-degree burglary and 5) being a habitual felon. On May 30, 2019, the jury found him *guilty* of robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering. Following those verdicts, the proceedings then entered the habitual felon phase of the trial. Today, the jury found Autry *guilty* of being a habitual felon. Judge Hamilton sentenced Autry to a total of 390-504 months in prison.

Autry's prior convictions include common law robbery and multiple counts of felony larceny. Autry has pending charges in another county.

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