

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

June 23, 2017

Rapist sentenced to 100 years in prison for 1985 cold case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A rapist has been sentenced to 100 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of sexually assaulting a woman in 1985. He was among the three defendants tried by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team during recent trial sessions in Superior Court. Two additional defendants pled guilty. The proceedings were held June 5-16, 2017, before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, The Honorable Lindsay R. Davis, Jr., and The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judges.

Jerry Oglesby, 60, was tried for 1) second-degree rape, 2) second-degree sex offense, 3) common law robbery and 4) felony breaking or entering. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Caldwell sentenced Oglesby to the maximum penalties, totaling 100 years in prison. If he is released from prison, Oglesby must register as a sex offender for 30 years. On Thanksgiving Day in 1985, the victim went to a Charlotte hotel where she had been hired as a plumbing contractor to refurbish the hotel's bathtubs. On her way to one of the hotel rooms, she passed a man walking in the opposite direction in the hallway. She went into the room and began her work. Soon, the man who she had seen in the hallway walked into the room, grabbed her and sexually assaulted her. Then, he took \$20 from her jeans before fleeing the hotel room. Investigators at the time were unable to identify a suspect. But decades later, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Sexual Assault Cold Case Unit reopened the case and discovered DNA evidence belonging to Oglesby. He was arrested in Kentucky in 2014. Oglesby's DNA had been entered into a national database following his conviction for another rape he committed in South Carolina nine months after the Charlotte attack. At trial, the Charlotte victim took the stand to recount the sexual assault. The South Carolina victim also testified, establishing Oglesby's pattern of violent behavior against women. The testimonies of these courageous women were critical in Oglesby's conviction, and the District Attorney's Office is grateful for their assistance in seeking justice.

Christopher Parrillo, 27, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Tori Stacks, 38, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Denzell Flowers, 25, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Flowers to 55-78 months in prison.

Mackael Jenkins, 20, filed a motion to suppress evidence obtained by law enforcement during a search of his vehicle, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Kuehnert denied Jenkins'

motion. Jenkins then pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Jenkins was sentenced to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jenkins must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

// End //

