

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting teen in the back

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Phillip Robert Scott, Jr., will spend the rest of his life in prison for murdering 19-year-old Danny Barrino. Today, a jury found him guilty of the 2013 killing. The trial, which began June 26, 2017, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Scott, 51, for first-degree murder. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell then sentenced Scott to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In June 2013, Scott confronted Mr. Barrino at the Charlotte apartment complex where both men lived. Scott physically assaulted Mr. Barrino, and during the assault, Scott's gun fell from his waistband. Mr. Barrino saw the gun and then ran away, but Scott chased after him, aiming the gun at Mr. Barrino. As Mr. Barrino fled, Scott shot him in the back. Mr. Barrino was pronounced dead at the scene. Scott fled the scene, tossing his gun in the woods behind his apartment. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police apprehended him the following day at a local hotel.



Phillip Scott

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