

NEWS RELEASE

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Teen tried and convicted of raping 83-year-old woman

CHARLOTTE, NC – Robert Lamar McFadden, age 18, was found guilty of second degree rape, felony breaking and entering, misdemeanor breaking and entering, and simple assault. The jury rendered its verdicts on Thursday, August 11, 2011 in courtroom 5150 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

The District Attorney's Office successfully presented evidence that this defendant should receive an aggravated sentence. The jury found the crime against the victim to be aggravated due to the victim's age and physical infirmity. Upon the finding of this aggravating factor, The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge, imposed a sentence of 9 ½ to 12 years in prison, the maximum sentence allowed by law.

On May 19, 2010, between 5pm and 7:30pm, McFadden broke into the victim's home at the Mayfield Memorial Apartments, a senior community. McFadden, who was 16 years old at the time of the crime, assaulted and raped the 83-year-old victim, then fled the scene. Officers developed McFadden as a suspect for an assault in March 2010 on another senior citizen and began to search for him. McFadden was arrested on May 20, 2010, when officers responded to a 911 call reporting that the defendant was breaking into another home in the neighborhood.

A mixture of the defendant's and victim's DNA was found on the victim's bed as well as on a condom that was recovered in the defendant's neighborhood.

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