

NEWS RELEASE

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2 defendants tried in homicide case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried two defendants for the June 2015 murder of Shawn Lovell Parker, 49. The trial, which began on August 7, 2017, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Diondre Montrez Bittle, 25, and Cordero Lamont McCoy, 26, were joined for trial. Bittle was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) first-degree burglary, 4) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 5) being an armed habitual felon. McCoy was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) first-degree burglary, 4) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 5) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 6) being an armed habitual felon.

Today, the jury found the defendants *not guilty*. As a result of the jury's verdicts on the underlying offenses, the State was required to dismiss the charges of being an armed habitual felon.

Charges remain pending against a codefendant in this case.

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