

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man sent to prison for 17-22 years after jury convicts him of murder in DWI wreck

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a jury's guilty verdict sent Eric Jonathan Cox, 34, to prison for at least 17 years for the murder of H'Luon Siu, 26. The trial began September 2, 2014, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Cox for 1) second-degree murder, 2) aggravated felony serious injury by vehicle, 3) driving while impaired and 4) failure to comply with license restrictions. Today, the jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Evans then sentenced Cox to a total of 208-268 months in prison.

In November 2011, Cox was driving on East Sugar Creek Road when he ran a red light at the road's intersection with The Plaza in Charlotte. As he drove through the intersection, he slammed into the vehicle being driven by Ms. Siu, who died at the scene of the crash. Ms. Siu's 4-year-old son, who was in the backseat, survived but suffered extensive injuries. A blood analysis showed that Cox's blood alcohol content was .17, which is more than twice the legal limit in North Carolina. At the time of the crash, Cox was under court orders to maintain his blood alcohol content at or below 0.04 as the result of a 2010 conviction for driving while impaired.



Eric Jonathan Cox

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