

NEWS RELEASE

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Colin Latta sentenced to life in prison for murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – As a result of a jury's guilty verdicts today, Colin Demon Latta will spend the rest of his life in prison for the 2013 murder of 54-year-old Charles Anthony Jefferson. The trial began October 23, 2017, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Latta, 40, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 3) assault with a deadly weapon and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found Latta *guilty* of first-degree murder, the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Latta to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In August 2013, Latta was outside his home on Sylvania Avenue in Charlotte when he became involved in an argument with Mr. Jefferson. After exchanging words, Latta walked inside his home, retrieved a firearm, returned outside and then opened fire on his neighbor's yard, shooting at Mr. Jefferson and two other men. Mr. Jefferson was fatally wounded and pronounced deceased at a local hospital. The other two men, including one who suffered two gunshot wounds, survived. Latta fled the scene. Authorities found him hiding in a shed with two firearms the following day in York County, South Carolina.

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