

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury unable to reach unanimous verdict in homicide trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A mistrial has been declared in the trial of Jose Carlos Cruz, Jr. for the September 2015 murder of Melvin Ashby, 26. The trial, which began November 6, 2017, was held in courtroom 5130 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

Cruz, 32, was tried for first-degree murder. On November 16, 2017, Judge Archie declared a mistrial when the jurors indicated that they were unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

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