

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury returns verdicts in homicide trial**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a Mecklenburg County jury returned verdicts in the trial of Michael Dortch Washington, who was charged in the November 2013 murder of 48-year-old Oren Lamont Reed. The trial, which began on November 28, 2016, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Washington, 22, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) felony breaking or entering and 4) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found him *guilty* of felony breaking or entering and larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Bell sentenced Washington to 10-21 months in prison.

The jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts for the charges of murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. As a result, Judge Bell declared a mistrial as to those charges. The District Attorney's Office will schedule a retrial for these charges at a later date.

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