

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man in uptown sexual assault

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A survivor who was sexually assaulted and her friend, who fought back against the armed assailant during the attack in uptown Charlotte, bravely testified in Mecklenburg County Superior Court, resulting in a jury finding the man guilty of multiple crimes. The trial session was held January 3-14, 2022, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

In Mecklenburg County's first Superior Court trial of 2022, the District Attorney's Special Victims Team tried Jordan Douglas, 23, for 1) first-degree sex offense, 2) first-degree kidnapping, 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 5) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, and 6) resisting a public officer. The jury found him *guilty* of first-degree sex offense, first-degree kidnapping, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, and resisting a public officer. The jury also found him *guilty* of an additional count of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, as well as assault with a deadly weapon, which are lesser-included offenses of the robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill charges. Judge Bell then sentenced Douglas to a total of 304-437 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Douglas must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

In the early morning hours of July 5, 2019, two women were walking on West 5<sup>th</sup> Street when they were approached by Douglas, who was armed with a gun. Demanding the women's backpacks, Douglas knocked one woman to the ground, placed her in a chokehold and held a gun to her head. He fired his gun at the other woman, but she was not struck.

Still gripping the woman, Douglas dragged her into a construction site and began to sexually assault her. It was then that her friend grabbed a piece of rebar and struck Douglas in the head. He fell, and the women escaped.

Someone nearby had heard the gunshot and the victims' screams and called 911, so Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers were already on their way. They quickly located Douglas and took him into custody after a brief foot chase.

The District Attorney's Office commends both women for their courage, not only that day but also in court. Their testimony was crucial and secured a conviction that protects the entire community.

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