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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury convicts man of involuntary manslaughter**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The man who fatally assaulted Billy Clay McKay Jr., has been sentenced to prison after a jury found him guilty of involuntary manslaughter. The trial, which began October 23, 2023, ended today with the jury's guilty verdict. The Honorable Sally Kirby-Turner, Superior Court Judge, presided over the trial.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Johnathan Ramsey, 35, for second-degree murder. The jury found him guilty of the lesser-included offense of involuntary manslaughter. Ramsey admitted his status as an habitual felon. Judge Kirby-Turner then sentenced Ramsey to 159-203 months in prison.

On the morning of August 22, 2020, Ramsey and McKay Jr. had a disagreement at McKay Jr.'s home. Later that day, Ramsey returned to the home and assaulted McKay Jr., who passed away from injuries sustained during the assault.

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