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Man sentenced to life in prison after jury convicts him of first-degree murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Javier Perez-Concepcion was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of 22-year-old Donqwavias Davis after a jury found him guilty of first-degree murder. The trial, which began February 3, 2025, and concluded with today's verdict, was held in courtroom 5170 before the Honorable Carla N. Archie, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Javier Perez-Concepcion, aka Javier Concepcion-Perez, 26, for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Archie sentenced him to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the first-degree murder charge and 12-24 months in prison for the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charge. That sentence will run consecutive to the life sentence.

On May 1, 2019, the victim (Donqwavias Davis) and Javier Perez-Concepcion came into contact with each other at the pool area of the University Village apartments. They had a brief verbal dispute after which the defendant left the apartment complex. He returned 17 minutes later with a .45 caliber handgun and an acquaintance who had a 9 mm handgun. They cornered the victim on the patio of the pool. The accomplice placed his gun on a nearby table and he and the victim had a brief physical altercation. The victim then grabbed the gun off the table, ejected the magazine, tossed the magazine away, cleared a round from the chamber, and dropped the gun, in an effort to deescalate the situation. The defendant then fired four shots, three of which struck the victim, then the defendant fled the scene in his vehicle. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Detectives with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department located four .45 caliber discharged cartridge casings at the scene. Over the course of the investigation, detectives identified the defendant as a suspect. On May 4, 2019, members of CMPD's Violent Crimes Apprehension Team arrested the defendant at a northeast Charlotte residence. Detectives located a .45 caliber handgun inside the home. Laboratory tests concluded that the gun matched the discharged cartridge casings from the scene.

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