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Jury returns not guilty verdict in homicide trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Terrell Howard was found not guilty of the January 2020 murder of 43-year-old Devonne Smith. The trial, which began April 28, 2025, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Ted W. McEntire, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Terrell Howard, 32, for 1) first-degree murder 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

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