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Jury finds man guilty of first-degree murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Algia Clark Jr. was sentenced to life in prison today after a jury found him guilty of fatally shooting 20-year-old A'mari McCaskill. The trial, which began on June 23, 2025, was held in courtroom 5370, before the Honorable Matt J. Osman, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Algia Clark Jr., 27, for 1) first-degree murder, and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him guilty as charged. Judge Osman sentenced him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

From April-August 2019, A'mari McCaskill (the victim) and his cousin were engaged in a dispute with Algia Clark Jr. During those months, the dispute escalated over social media. During one such exchange, the defendant asked whether the dispute would be handled with "fades or shots"--fists or guns. During the first weeks of August, the defendant saw the victim and his cousin driving along Frazier Avenue and pointed a gun at their vehicle. In the days leading up to the homicide, the defendant stopped by the victim's home and asked for the victim, but he was not home.

In the late afternoon of August 20, 2019, the victim and several friends went to a fast-food restaurant in northwest Charlotte. An acquaintance of the defendant saw them arrive and called the defendant. Surveillance video showed the defendant arrive to the restaurant on foot and step inside the restaurant briefly. Witnesses described that the defendant entered, hailed the victim, and exited. The victim exited, followed the defendant toward the back of the restaurant parking lot, and raised his hands as if to fight. The defendant then pulled a gun from his waistband and shot the victim in the head before running away. The victim was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Crime scene investigators with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department recovered a discharged 9 mm cartridge casing in the restaurant parking lot. Witnesses interviewed by CMPD detectives identified Clark as the shooter. He was located and arrested four days after the murder.

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