

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Mid-year Homicide Team report for January-June 2025**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Continuing their work to protect the community from Mecklenburg County's most violent offenders, the District Attorney's Homicide Team convicted 46 defendants between January and June 2025. In that time, the team tried 6 defendants – 4 of whom were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Recently, the Homicide Team added an Assistant District Attorney, increasing their number of prosecutors to 12. Throughout the first half of the year, members of the Homicide Team regularly attended the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Homicide Support Group to meet with victims' loved ones and answer their questions about the criminal justice system.

The following defendants were convicted by the Homicide Team between January and June:

### **January 2025**

Marteicus Taylor, 31, pled guilty to 1) two counts of second-degree murder and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for the 2021 shooting deaths of Isaiah Doctor-Muhammad and Lee'Vantay Rankin. He was sentenced to 207-261 months in prison.

Christopher Franks, 22, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2023 murder of J'Karri Anderson. He was sentenced to 192-243 months in prison.

Demetrius Mason, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon in the 2022 murder of Yimere Joyner. He was sentenced to 157-201 months in prison.

Robert Alverson, 50, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2020 shooting death of Joshua Cox. He was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison.

Qwan Brimmer Jr., 18, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2023 murder of Michael Brown. He was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison.

Jaylan Davis, 27, pled guilty to 1) voluntary manslaughter, 2) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) two counts of discharging a weapon into occupied

property for the 2022 shooting death of Artur Mikulski. He was sentenced to 92-123 months in prison.

Mario Ramirez-Duarte, 24, pled guilty to 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 2) intimidating a witness, 3) cyberstalking, and 4) larceny of a motor vehicle in the 2021 death of Tyron Ervin. He was sentenced to 36-65 months in prison.

## **February 2025**

Javier Perez-Concepcion, aka Javier Concepcion-Perez, 26, was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in the 2019 killing of Donqwavias Davis. A jury found him *guilty as charged*. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the first-degree murder charge and a consecutive sentence of 12-24 months in prison for the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon charge.

Richard Grier, 61, was tried for first-degree murder for the 2019 stabbing death of Andrew Allen. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Grier was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Louis Kornhaber, 70, was tried for 1) second-degree murder and 2) neglect of a disabled or elder adult resulting in serious physical injury for the 2021 neglect death of his wife, Bonnie Kornhaber. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. He was sentenced to 94-125 months in prison.

Ty-Lek Hamilton, 25, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon in the 2019 murder of Au'Deja Sutton. He was sentenced to 300-372 months in prison for the second-degree murder charge and a consecutive sentence of 64-89 months in prison for the robbery charge.

Keenan Doliveira, 39, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2022 killing of Jamielle Clements. He was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison.

Nevaeh Deas, 21, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2022 shooting death of Lamar Weathers. She was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison. Charges against her co-defendant remain pending.

## **March 2025**

Terrance McKnight, 19, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon in the 2024 shooting death of Kaleb Brown. McKnight was sentenced to 144-185 months in prison.

Michael Diaz-Hernandez, 22, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2020 shooting death of Brett Butler. He was sentenced to 216-272 months in prison.

Columbus Washington, 32, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) attempted first-degree murder, 3) assault with a deadly weapon, and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon for the 2021 shooting death of Sir Battle. He was sentenced to 143-184 months in prison.

## **April 2025**

Dejanarell Cherry, 40, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2021 death of Davyon Farrer. He also pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2021 shooting death of Lavonda Floyd. He was sentenced to concurrent sentences of 238-298 months in prison.

Sean Harper Jr., 29, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2019 stabbing death of Joshua Griffin Jr. He also admitted the existence of an aggravating factor alleged by the State and was sentenced to 360-444 months in prison.

Khamarin Floyd, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) possession of a weapon by a prisoner, and 3) malicious conduct by a prisoner in the 2022 murder of Aveon Baker. He was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison.

Dashae McCain, 26, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2020 murder of Aviana Carter. She was sentenced to 125-162 months in prison.

Anthony Mitchell, 29, pled guilty to 1) accessory after the fact to first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon related to the 2021 shooting deaths of Isaiah Doctor-Muhammad and Lee Vantay Rankin. Mitchell was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison for the accessory after the fact charge and a concurrent sentence of 12-24 months in prison for the remaining charge.

## **May 2025**

Rodrizus Stafford, 19, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2022 murder of Nahzir Taylor. He was sentenced to 157-201 months in prison. Charges against his co-defendant remain pending.

Tracy Williams, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon for the 2021 shooting death of Micahiah Dunn. He was sentenced to 157-201 months in prison for second-degree murder and a concurrent sentence of 20-36 months in prison for the conspiracy charge.

## **June 2025**

Tyrone Miller, 34, was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) common law robbery, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon for the 2019 murder of Elchin Khalilov. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the first-degree murder charge and a consecutive sentence of 22-36 months in prison for the remaining charges.

Saquaine Lewis, 28, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2021 shooting death of Dontae Kennedy. He was sentenced to 165-210 months in prison.

Makiyan Andrews, 19, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the 2023 murder of Koreon Medina. He was sentenced to 157-201 months in prison.

D'Auntrae Woods, 18, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2024 murder of Daikwan Deese. He was sentenced to 157-201 months in prison.

Rahman Ferguson, 54, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder and 2) domestic violence protection order violation in the 2024 shooting death of Sureita Samuels. He was sentenced to 192-243 months in prison.

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