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Man sentenced to life in prison for murder of Charlotte woman

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Khdaius Marshall was sentenced to life in prison after a jury found him guilty of the April 2019 shooting death of 30-year-old Tyrena Inman. The trial, which began on August 11, 2025, and concluded with today's verdict, was held in courtroom 5370 before the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Khdaius Marshall, 29, for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him guilty as charged. Judge McKnight sentenced Marshall to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On April 28, 2019, the defendant arranged to meet the victim, Tyrena Inman, at the Extended Stay Motel where she lived with relatives. As the meeting was concluding, the defendant pulled out a 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun and demanded money from Tyrena. Tyrena obtained a Glock 9mm handgun, and they exchanged gunfire. Marshall shot the victim in the head, killing her, and the defendant was also struck. The victim's family discovered her body and found the defendant just outside the room. Police and Medic arrived and the defendant was transported to the hospital. The defendant's 9mm Smith & Wesson was later recovered, and lab testing confirmed the presence of his DNA on the handgun. Testing also showed that a bullet recovered from the victim matched the 9mm Smith & Wesson.

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