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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury convicts man in vehicular death of Charlotte teen**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Michael Himes was found guilty of the February 2020 vehicular death of 17-year-old Maniche Wilson. The trial, which began on October 27, 2025, and concluded with today's verdict, was held in courtroom 5110 before the Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Michael Himes, 54, for 1) felony death by vehicle, 2) involuntary manslaughter, 3) reckless driving to endanger, 4) hit and run resulting in serious injury or death, and 5) driving while impaired. The jury found the defendant *guilty as charged*. During sentencing, the State argued that an aggravating factor existed because the defendant knowingly created a great risk of death to more than one person by means of a weapon or device which would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person. The jury agreed and found the existence of that aggravating factor. Based on that finding, Judge Lewis sentenced Himes in the aggravated range for the felony death by motor vehicle charge and issued a sentence of 80-108 months in prison. Following that prison term, Himes will serve another term of 16-29 months in prison for the hit and run resulting in serious injury or death and the reckless driving to endanger charges. Judgment was arrested for the involuntary manslaughter and driving while impaired charges.

On the morning of February 17, 2020, Michael Himes was driving his Ford F-150 on Old Plank Rd. having just left his fiancée's home where he had been drinking and arguing with her. The victim, who was driving a Honda Accord, was stopped at a stop sign on Almora Dr. As she proceeded to turn left onto Old Plank Rd., the defendant, driving approximately 60 mph in a 35 mph zone, collided with the driver's side door of the victim's vehicle. Both vehicles crossed the opposing lane of travel and came to rest in the grass on the side of Old Plank Rd. The victim succumbed to her injuries at the scene. Himes did not call 911 to report the accident. Instead, he got into his fiancée's car that she was driving some distance behind him on Old Plank Rd. and they fled the scene together. The defendant ultimately fled to his fiancée's house where he was located by detectives with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Himes' fiancée was previously convicted for her role in this crime.

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