

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man of first-degree murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. –Yesterday, Trevor Powell was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury found him guilty of the February 2020 shooting death of 19-year-old Jacquez Moore. The trial, which began on November 17, 2025, and concluded with yesterday's verdict, was held in courtroom 5170 before the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Trevor Powell, 34, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) three counts of discharging a weapon into occupied property, and 3) two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge McKnight sentenced Powell to life in prison without the possibility of parole. After sentencing, Powell was taken into custody after being out for the last five years on a bond previously set by a judicial official.

On February 2, 2020, the victim and his girlfriend were in a rideshare that picked them up after they dined at a restaurant on Chancellor Park Dr. The vehicle was on the off-ramp from W.T. Harris Blvd. to Old Concord Rd. when Trevor Powell, who was known to the victim, pulled up on the passenger side of the vehicle and fired three shots into the car. One shot hit the victim, who succumbed to his injuries at the scene; another shot hit the victim's girlfriend in her hand. The rideshare driver, who was uninjured, said Powell fled the scene immediately after the shooting, and the driver was able to provide a description of the vehicle to detectives with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Over the course of their investigation, detectives learned that the victim and his girlfriend ate at the Chancellor Park Dr. restaurant prior to the shooting. Surveillance video from the restaurant showed that Powell arrived there shortly after the victim and his girlfriend. He waited in his vehicle for nearly an hour while they ate and then followed their rideshare out of the parking lot when they left. From the surveillance video, detectives were able to get a partial license plate number from Powell's car. They were able to determine that Powell had rented the car.

Cellphone data recovered by detectives revealed that Powell monitored the victim's social media accounts to see where he and his girlfriend would be and sent texts alluding to shooting the victim when he found him. Detectives also recovered a video on Powell's phone that he took of the victim and his girlfriend outside of the restaurant while they were waiting on their

rideshare. Powell's phone location data also showed him driving to the restaurant, remaining there for nearly an hour, then driving to the scene of the shooting.

Officers later located a .40 caliber handgun during the arrest of another individual in a separate investigation. That gun was matched through ballistics testing to the three .40 S&W caliber discharged cartridge casings found at the scene. The defendant had a photograph on his phone of that gun in his house shortly before the murder. During a search of the defendant's house on February 3, 2020, a rifle was recovered in addition to ammunition for both the rifle and the .40 caliber handgun.

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