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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury convicts man of road rage shooting**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - A man who shot a driver during a road rage incident was among those convicted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's General Felony Team during a recent trial session. The proceedings, which began on December 1, 2025, and concluded on December 5, 2025, were held in courtrooms 5370, 5110, and 5170, before the Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, the Honorable Reggie E. McKnight, and the Honorable David H. Strickland, Superior Court Judges.

Jacob Zazeski, 26, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and 2) injury to personal property. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Poovey sentenced Zazeski to 67-93 months in prison.

On October 24, 2023, Jacob Zazeski was late for work and driving recklessly on N. Sharon Amity Rd. The victim saw this reckless driving in his rear-view mirror and gestured in exasperation at Zazeski when Zazeski passed him. Zazeski got in front of the victim's car and came to an immediate stop in front of the victim. While both Zazeski and the victim were stopped at a red light, the victim got out of his vehicle, and approached the defendant's car with his hands up, showing Zazeski that he was unarmed. Zazeski, who had a 9mm semi-automatic firearm in his vehicle, fired 9 shots in the direction of the victim, striking him three times, once in the right hand, once in the right leg, and once on the left side of his back. Another shot struck the driver's side door of the victim's car. [\[1\]](#) The victim had to undergo months of physical therapy to rehabilitate his right hand.

Kobe Ford, 25, was tried for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Strickland sentenced him to 9-20 months in prison.

Davontra Henderson, 35, was tried for felony carrying a concealed gun. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Kristopher Nixon, 48, pled guilty to 1) common law robbery, 2) felony failure to appear, and 3) being a habitual felon. For the common law robbery charge, Judge Strickland sentenced Nixon to 25-39 months in prison. For the remaining charges, he was given a concurrent sentence of 63-88 months in prison.

Thomas Royster, 36, pled guilty to felony flee to elude arrest in a motor vehicle. Judge Strickland sentenced him to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending the defendant's successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

Native Johnson, 23, pled guilty to two counts of attempted trafficking in opium or heroin. Judge McKnight sentenced him to two consecutive sentences of 13-25 months in prison.

### Exhibits

A bullet hole where Jacob Zazeski shot into the victim's car.



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