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Testimony of 10 survivors results in conviction of serial child molester

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Ten adult survivors courageously took the stand to testify about the sexual abuse they suffered as children during a nearly three-week-long trial led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Special Victims Team. The trial, which began on April 13, 2026, and concluded with sentencing on May 1, 2026, was held in courtroom 5170, before the Honorable Craig R. Collins, Superior Court Judge.

Wayne Ray Goff, 56, was tried for 1) second-degree forcible sex offense, 2) three counts of statutory sex offense with a minor, and 3) fourteen counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Collins sentenced Goff to eighteen consecutive sentences totaling at least 116 years in prison. He must also register as a sex offender for 30 years.

For almost three decades, Wayne Ray Goff took advantage of a position of trust and sexually assaulted at least a dozen young boys while holding himself out as a mentor to them in the skateboarding community. Beginning in the early 1990s, Goff's pattern consisted of meeting the boys in the skateboarding community and at the local skate parks of Charlotte, then building trust with them and their families. He would then invite the boys to sleepovers, often while they were attending skateboarding competitions, where he would sexually assault the boys while they were sleeping.

Years later, having never reported the abuse, several of the survivors found each other through social media and shared their stories with each other. In February 2022, they reported Goff's abuses to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, which prompted more survivors to come forward. Ultimately, ten of those survivors and a family member of a now deceased victim testified during the trial.

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