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Jury convicts man of 2020 shooting that killed a Charlotte father and injured his son

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Jamie Briggs was found guilty of the 2020 shooting that killed 57-year-old Roscoe Wright Sr. and injured Roscoe Wright Jr. The DA's Homicide Team prosecuted the case. The trial, which began on August 3, 2026, and concluded with today's verdict, was held in courtroom 5370 before the Honorable Timothy J. Rooks, Superior Court Judge.

Jamie Briggs, 34, was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of second-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. During sentencing, the State argued that aggravating factors existed because Briggs 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 and because Briggs knew or reasonably should have known that a person under the age of 18 who was not involved in the commission of the offense was in a position to see or hear the offense. The jury agreed and found the existence of those aggravating factors. Sentencing him in the aggravated range, Judge Rooks sentenced Briggs to a total of 538-680 months in prison. This includes 397-489 months in prison for the second-degree murder charge, 120-156 months in prison for the assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury charge, and 21-35 months in prison for the remaining charge.

On July 9, 2020, around 4:00 p.m., Roscoe Wright Sr. and Roscoe Wright Jr. (RJ) were standing just outside their apartment off Coliseum Dr. in Charlotte. Jamie Briggs passed by them on his way to his mailbox and said, "What's up?" Briggs went back to his apartment, then surveillance video showed him exit his apartment and walk back towards the Wrights while brandishing a .40 caliber firearm with an extended magazine in his right hand. When he got closer to the Wrights, who remained just outside of their apartment, Briggs pointed his gun at them while saying, "What's up now?" Roscoe Wright Sr. shoved Briggs, and they had a brief physical altercation. During the altercation, RJ punched Briggs in the back of the head causing him to fall. As he fell, Briggs shot himself in the leg. Briggs got up and shot Wright Sr. twice, once in the head and once in the upper chest. Then, as he walked away, Briggs shot RJ in the leg. Roscoe Wright Sr. was pronounced deceased at the scene while RJ was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. After the shooting, Briggs walked back to his apartment then got into a car, with the firearm still in his hand. Briggs, with his girlfriend, then fled the scene.

Not long after the shooting, Briggs went to a local hospital for treatment for his gunshot wound. He told responding officers he was shot during an attempted robbery at a gas station off Lasalle St.

Crime scene investigators with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department recovered four .40 caliber S&B discharged cartridge cases from the scene. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department detectives executed a search warrant at Briggs' apartment where they recovered forty .40 caliber S&B discharged cartridge cases. Those discharged cartridge cases had the same headstamp as the four discharged cartridge cases from the scene and an analyst with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Firearms Lab was able to determine that all four of the discharged cartridge cases on scene and one of the discharged cartridge cases from Briggs' apartment were all fired from the same gun. They also observed a blood trail leading back to Briggs' apartment as well as blood on the door frame and on the interior foyer floor of his apartment. An analyst with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Forensics Lab was able to determine that blood evidence recovered from the trail on scene matched that of Briggs.

Prior to July 9, 2020, Briggs was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in Mecklenburg County Superior Court, and, thus, was illegally in possession of a firearm on July 9, 2020.

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