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Jury convicts man of murder in 2012 high-speed crash

CHARLOTTE, N.C. –   Today, a jury found Victor Moultry, 46, guilty of murder and other offenses in the death of Paul Joseph Jones, 53. The trial began March 31, 2014, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Moultry for 1) second-degree murder, 2) felony possession of cocaine and 3) misdemeanor hit and run. A jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Constangy sentenced Moultry to 207-261 months in prison, as well as an additional 120 days in custody.

Victor Moultry

In February 2012, Moultry was driving on West W.T. Harris Boulevard in Charlotte when he drove over the median and into the wrong lane. Then, at the intersection of West W.T. Harris Boulevard and Statesville Road, he turned and struck a vehicle. Moultry fled the scene, speeding north on Statesville Road. Witnesses testified that they saw him driving at high speeds on the wrong side of the road, passing vehicles in a no-passing zone and forcing cars off the road. Moultry continued speeding on Statesville Road into Huntersville, where he slammed into the rear end of a truck being driven by Mr. Jones. The crash forced Mr. Jones' truck off the road and down a ravine. He died two days later as a result of his injuries. Investigators, who discovered cocaine in Moultry's car, found the presence of cocaine in his blood and determined that Moultry was driving at more than 100 mph at the time of the crash.

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