

NEWS RELEASE

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Murderer, robber sentenced to 27-36 years in prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Stacey Dejon Brown, 22, was sentenced to approximately 27-36 years in prison for the 2012 murder of Robert Heym, 65, and other offenses. Brown entered his guilty pleas today in courtroom 5350 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Brown pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and 4) breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Lewis sentenced him to a total of 324-438 months in prison.

The charges stem from three incidents. The first occurred in July 2012 when Brown and a co-defendant used bricks to break into vehicles in a parking garage.

Then, in October 2012, Brown, Roderick Crawford and Joshwah Townsend robbed a man on West Boulevard in Charlotte. Brown held the victim at gunpoint with a shotgun while Townsend took the victim's belongings. When the victim ran, Brown shot him in the back. The victim suffered serious injuries but survived.

The following day, Brown and Crawford confronted Mr. Heym on Conway Avenue in Charlotte as Mr. Heym was walking home from work. Crawford and Brown, who was again armed with a shotgun, robbed Mr. Heym of his cellphone. When Mr. Heym resisted, Brown shot him at close range. Mr. Heym died at the scene.

Roderick Crawford previously pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. He will be sentenced at a later date. Today, Townsend, 24, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to 17-33 months in prison.



Stacey Dejon Brown

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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