

NEWS RELEASE

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Man sentenced to life in prison for 2013 murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Joshua Donyell Walker, 28, will spend the rest of his life in prison for the murder of David Michael Lofton, 30. The trial against Walker, which began on September 15, 2014, was held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Martin B. McGee, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Walker for 1) first-degree murder and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. On September 24, 2014, the jury found Walker *guilty* as charged. Judge McGee sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In June 2013, Mr. Lofton's vehicle ran out of gas in Charlotte, and he was with friends who were assisting him. Walker, who was driving erratically and speeding, passed by Mr. Lofton and his friends on Nations Drive.

When Walker parked his car, Mr. Lofton confronted him about his dangerous driving. Then – in front of several witnesses – Walker pulled out a gun and shot at Mr. Lofton, Mr. Lofton's girlfriend and another friend. Mr. Lofton was shot in the chest, his girlfriend was shot in the shoulder, and the other friend was unharmed. The injured woman survived. Mr. Lofton was pronounced dead at the scene.



Joshua Walker

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