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**Trial in Granville County Superior Court leads to Murder Conviction**

**Oxford, NC-** Granville County Criminal Superior Court was held during the week of October 3, 2016. Superior Court Judge G. Wayne Abernathy presided during the session. The Office of District Attorney Mike Waters was represented by Assistant District Attorneys Allison S. Capps and Michael W. Putney, Jr.

The primary focus of the week-long session was the trial of State of North Carolina vs. Rotonya Russell. Mrs. Russell was charged with the Second Degree Murder of her husband, Carlos Russell, Sr. on June 11, 2014, at their home on Belltown Road. Mrs. Russell, the defendant, was represented by Keith Bishop of the Durham County Bar. At the close of all evidence and arguments of counsel, the jury convicted Mrs. Russell as charged. Judge Abernathy sentenced Mrs. Russell to an active sentence of 148 to 190 months in the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction.

This case was investigated by Detective Todd Wilkins and officers from the Granville County Sheriff's Office under the direction of Sheriff Brin Wilkins.

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