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Philip L. Dubois Chancellor

Statement from Chancellor Dubois

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Dear UNC Charlotte Community,

Today, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's office reached a plea agreement resulting in two life sentences for the individual responsible for the April 30 shooting on UNC Charlotte's campus. While this news does not bring closure to the tragedy that occurred that day, it does bring a definite end to the criminal proceedings.

We remain focused on honoring the victims and their families. This week, the Niner Nation Remembrance Commission held four sessions to solicit input from the community on ways to thoughtfully and compassionately remember and memorialize the lives that were lost. A survey will be send on Monday to allow you to share additional feedback.

We also remain focused on caring for our campus community. Support services continue to be available to faculty and staff through the Employee Assistance Program and to students through the Christine F. Price Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). I encourage you to reach out to our trained counselors if you need to talk with someone.

We will never forget April 30, the lives of Reed and Riley, the injuries sustained by Rami, Sean, Emily, and Drew, and the impact of that day's incident on our entire community.

I'm grateful for your compassion, strength and support of each other as we enter the next stage of our recovery efforts.

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