

# Black Durham residents support district attorney

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Still, some local residents firmly believe that something did happen that night and are continuing to support Nifong's handling of the case.

"I do not feel it's going to mess up his case because there are still the charges of forcible rape as well as kidnapping," said Victoria Peterson, a representative of the Citizens For Mike Nifong group. "The amount of time for sexual assault and kidnapping are still there."

Phyllis Thornton, another representative of the group, feels that the woman was violated that night, but she is up against stigma and prejudice.

"It was a bad break for her, she was black with a terrible past and terrible present," Thornton said. "We know that these boys are highly intelligent. I think this thing was thought out."

"They aren't going to stick DNA up in her. They are going to stick objects. She's a black girl. They want to demoralize her, and in my opinion, demoralize themselves. There's a justice system higher than we have here that's going to deal with those boys for the rest of their lives."

Jackie Wagstaff, a former school board member and community activist, said Nifong is receiving too much criticism.

"He's doing his job," she said. "The complaint was made, and he didn't convict - the grand jury did."

But Coleman disagrees. "I don't think it's possible for him to receive too much criticism," he said. "I think he is personally responsible for this case taking on as much national publicity as it did, revealing too much too early before he had the evidence to prove it, and turning this into a racially divided crime."

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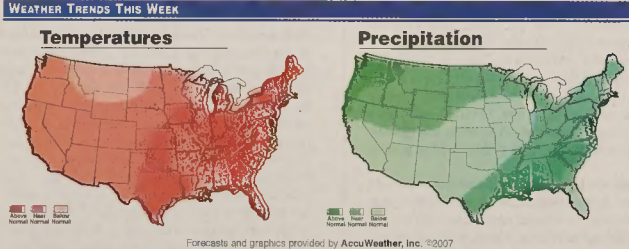
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### AccuWeather.com 7-DAY FORECAST FOR CHARLOTTE, NC

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy and mild	Cloudy with rain possible	A chance of rain	Partly sunny and warm	Cloudy with rain possible	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Clouding up; colder
50°	48°	60° 48°	68° 48°	62° 42°	60° 38°	58° 36°	46° 37°
RealFeel 62°	RealFeel 44°	RealFeel 56° 47°	RealFeel 65° 50°	RealFeel 59° 40°	RealFeel 57° 34°	RealFeel 53° 35°	RealFeel 37° 29°



#### IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Moon Phases
Thursday	7:33 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	Thursday	6:34 p.m.	8:39 a.m.	Full
Friday	7:33 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	Friday	7:36 p.m.	9:17 a.m.	Last
Saturday	7:33 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	Saturday	8:41 p.m.	9:48 a.m.	New
Sunday	7:33 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	Sunday	9:40 p.m.	10:15 a.m.	First
Monday	7:33 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	Monday	10:37 p.m.	10:39 a.m.	
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	Tuesday	11:35 p.m.	11:01 a.m.	
Wednesday	7:33 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday	none	11:24 a.m.	

#### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aiken, SC	67 52 c	70 46 f	75 45 pc	68 44 f	Memphis, TN	55 47 r	60 49 s	61 43 c	52 42 r
Augusta, GA	69 52 c	67 45 f	72 45 pc	65 48 f	Myrtle Beach, SC	70 60 c	71 54 f	74 49 pc	65 51 f
Charleston, SC	73 60 c	73 53 f	77 49 pc	71 52 c	Norfolk, VA	66 57 c	72 54 f	68 50 pc	63 45 r
Columbia, SC	68 56 c	70 50 f	73 49 pc	65 49 f	Raleigh, NC	65 55 pc	62 50 f	69 44 pc	64 40 r
Durham, NC	64 48 pc	65 48 f	70 44 pc	64 40 c	Richmond, VA	63 52 pc	67 52 f	67 48 pc	58 37 r
Greensboro, NC	61 51 pc	62 47 f	66 42 pc	58 40 r	Roanoke, VA	58 45 pc	63 47 f	65 42 pc	54 37 r
Greenville, SC	59 53 c	63 46 f	66 45 pc	57 42 r	Savannah, GA	74 60 c	72 56 f	76 51 pc	71 53 c
Knoxville, TN	60 51 f	60 44 f	66 42 c	54 41 r	Wilmington, NC	70 58 c	71 55 f	75 50 pc	68 51 f
Lynchburg, VA	55 47 pc	63 46 f	65 39 pc	58 35 r	Winston-Salem, NC	61 53 pc	64 48 f	66 46 pc	59 40 r

#### U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	62 52 c	62 47 f	69 49 c	59 49 f	Miami	83 70 pc	82 70 pc	81 58 pc	79 57 r
Boston	55 40 c	52 44 r	54 42 c	52 35 c	Minneapolis	40 30 c	37 21 sn	33 18 c	30 15 sn
Chicago	50 37 c	48 35 pc	43 27 r	37 28 c	New Orleans	73 58 f	72 59 s	74 60 c	70 56 r
Cleveland	52 42 s	55 42 r	51 35 c	45 30 r	New York City	54 49 s	54 51 f	60 44 pc	56 41 r
Dallas	59 45 r	70 47 s	56 42 c	56 37 c	Orlando	82 61 c	80 60 f	80 60 pc	80 57 f
Denver	53 24 pc	30 15 sn	37 19 pc	42 21 c	Pittsburgh	57 44 s	57 43 s	54 39 c	48 34 r
Detroit	48 37 c	48 37 r	44 31 r	42 29 f	Phoenix	70 46 s	57 42 pc	63 39 s	68 43 s
Houston	58 49 r	74 58 s	68 50 sh	62 50 s	San Francisco	53 41 r	54 44 s	57 44 s	57 46 s
Kansas City	55 34 c	48 28 pc	46 25 pc	46 24 s	Seattle	41 35 sn	44 38 f	45 39 f	51 40 c
Los Angeles	63 46 f	63 42 s	65 45 s	73 49 s	Washington DC	59 45 s	61 49 r	64 42 pc	57 38 r

#### WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	48 43 sh	48 43 pc	46 41 f	46 43 pc	Paris	48 43 c	48 46 pc	52 45 r	50 43 pc
Berlin	43 37 sh	43 38 pc	45 39 pc	43 33 pc	Rio de Janeiro	82 72 c	83 72 c	87 73 f	84 72 f
Buenos Aires	86 72 f	74 65 pc	76 70 s	81 72 s	Rome	54 45 c	57 43 c	57 43 pc	57 43 pc
Caro	62 47 s	56 48 pc	62 47 r	63 49 pc	San Juan	84 72 pc	84 72 pc	82 72 pc	83 72 pc
Jerusalem	59 45 s	47 41 r	52 41 r	54 46 pc	Seoul	45 23 s	38 23 pc	39 11 pc	39 11 s
Johannesburg	80 54 pc	77 55 s	75 57 pc	77 57 pc	Sydney	75 63 pc	73 71 s	75 68 pc	71 63 pc
London	48 41 sh	50 46 sh	50 45 r	48 45 sh	Tokyo	48 34 s	50 35 s	53 37 r	52 32 c
Mexico City	75 42 pc	76 40 s	77 40 s	73 41 pc	Toronto	47 40 c	46 39 r	45 34 c	38 31 c
Moscow	29 28 c	29 29 pc	32 22 sn	25 24 pc	Zurich	42 41 r	41 37 pc	43 36 pc	46 35 pc

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