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# Iryna Zarutskas's murder: Did Judge Teresa Stokes have a personal motive for releasing DeCarlos Brown Jr before in Jan 2025?

A viral X post has revealed that Magistrate Judge Teresa Stokes, who released DeCarlos Brown Jr. before he fatally stabbed Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutskas, also holds a leadership role at a Charlotte treatment facility. The revelation has sparked public outrage. Does Judge Teresa Stokes have a personal motive for releasing DeCarlos Brown Jr before in January 2025?

**Sneha Kumari** — Updated: Sep 08, 2025, 11:22 IST —  6 min read —



Iryna Zarutskas's (L) murder: Did Judge Teresa Stokes (M) have a personal motive for releasing DeCarlos Brown Jr (R) | Credit: X | @C\_3C\_3 and @WallStreetMav

The world is in shock after the tragic death of Iryna Zarutskas, a 23-year-old Ukrainian refugee, who was fatally stabbed in what authorities have called a random attack on board Charlotte's Lynx Blue Line. The incident has sparked widespread outrage and renewed scrutiny of the city's criminal justice system. Following the incident, a report revealed that the suspect, DeCarlos Brown Jr. has a criminal history and was released despite being arrested 14 times. Moreover, a new twist gaining traction on social media alleges that Magistrate Judge Teresa Stokes is the same judge who previously released Brown Jr., and she also holds a leadership role at a Charlotte-based treatment facility, and she had a personal motive for releasing DeCarlos Brown Jr before in January 2025. Let's find out more about it.

This revelation has intensified the public concern over potential conflicts of interest and raised questions about the decision that allowed a repeat offender back on the streets, ultimately leading to a senseless tragedy.

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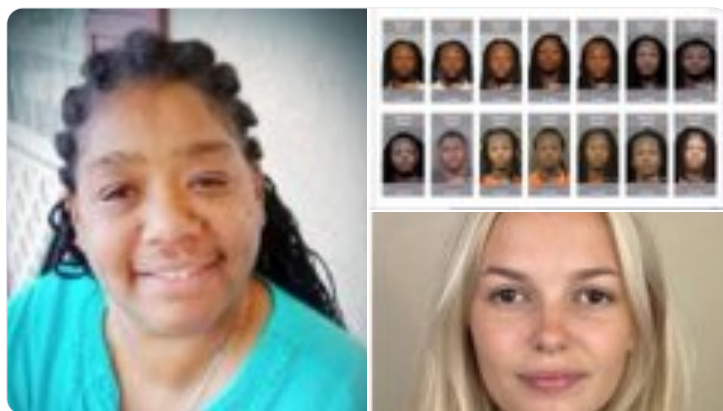
He then murdered Iryna Zarutskas.

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## Ukrainian refugee fatally stabbed in random train attack: What happened?

In a shocking video, which is now doing the rounds on social media, Iryna Zarutskas, a 23-year-old refugee who had escaped the war in Ukraine and was employed at a local pizzeria, was seen on surveillance footage quietly looking at her phone shortly before a violent and unprovoked assault.

The disturbing footage shows 34-year-old DeCarlos Brown Jr., a homeless ex-convict, removing his sweatshirt and standing near the train doors as passengers began to notice blood dripping from his hand.

Without warning, Brown allegedly lunged at Zarutskas with a folding knife, stabbing her three times, including at least once in the neck.

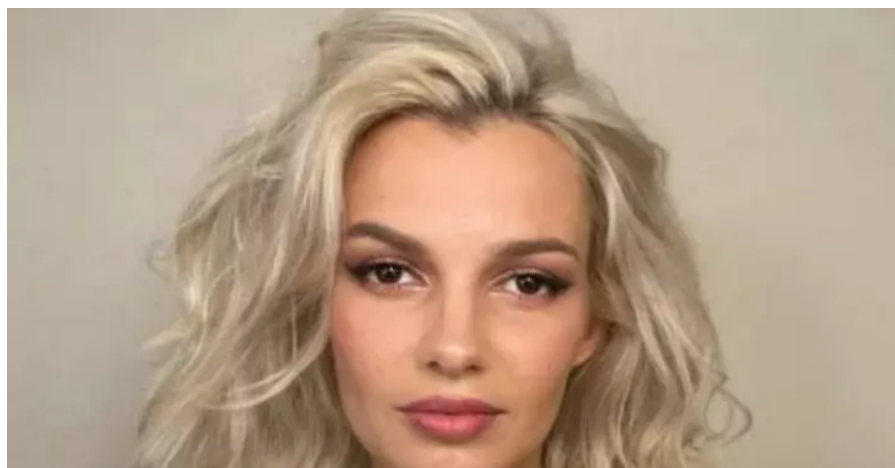


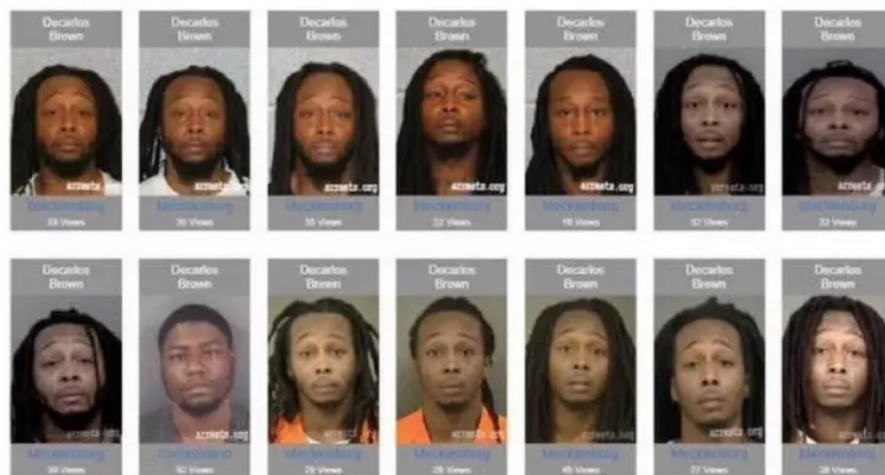
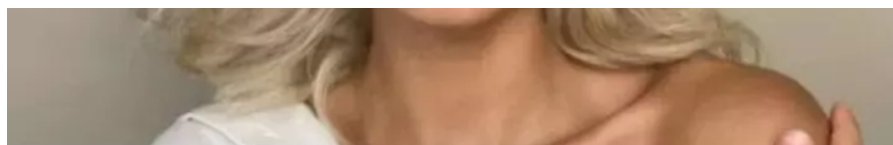
## DeCarlos Brown Jr. claimed he was controlled by a 'man-made substance'

In a strange and unsettling account detailed in an affidavit referenced by the Charlotte Observer, DeCarlos Brown Jr. allegedly told authorities that a "man-made substance" implanted in his body was controlling his actions.

This bizarre statement came during a welfare check in January, when Brown was arrested for allegedly abusing the 911 emergency system. On the other hand, despite a long and violent criminal history, the 34-year-old Decarlos was repeatedly released back into the community.

Now, in a major update, Magistrate Judge Teresa Stokes is under scrutiny after an X (formerly known as Twitter) post surfaced on the internet.





Decarlos Brown Jr. | Credit: X | @bennyjohnson

## Judge who released murder suspect linked to local treatment facility? Did she have a personal motive behind it?

Controversy is growing after revelations that Magistrate Judge Teresa Stokes, the same judge who most recently released DeCarlos Brown Jr. before the fatal stabbing of Iryna Zarutskas, is also the director of operations at a Charlotte-based treatment facility.

The connection has raised serious concerns about potential conflicts of interest and the broader failures of the justice system.

A viral post on X summed up the public's frustration, stating, "The judge who let him out also runs a treatment facility. Is it starting to make sense yet?" As scrutiny intensifies, many are questioning how someone with Brown's violent history was back on the streets. However, it is not clear whether Stokes had a personal motive behind it but speculations are on rise on social media.



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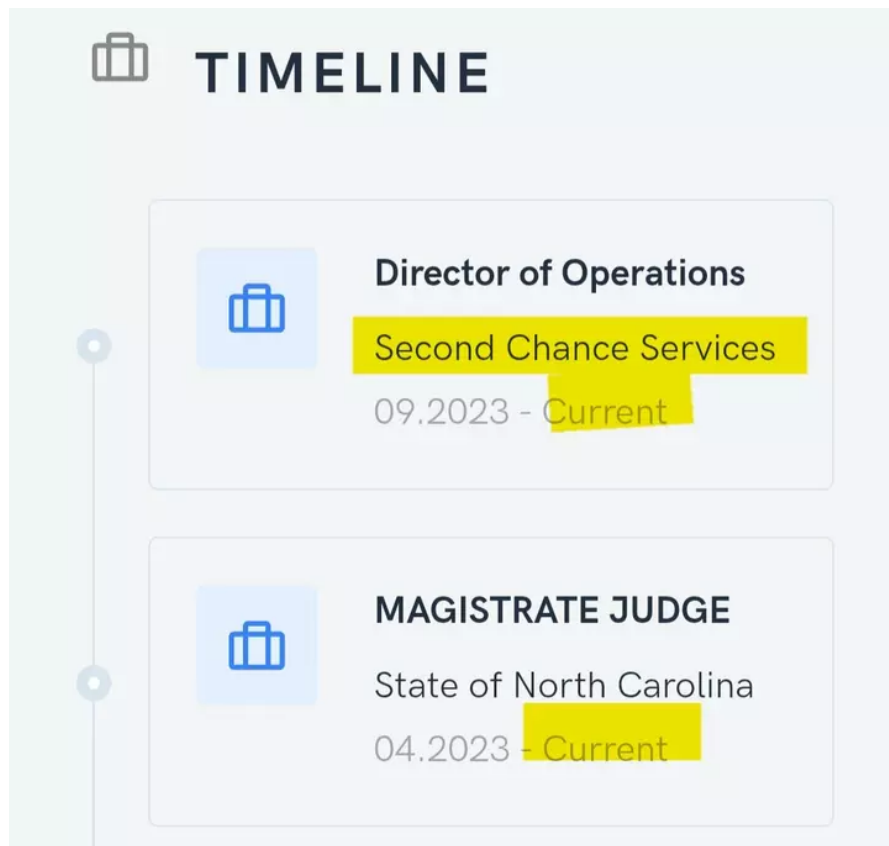
Judge who released murder suspect linked to local treatment facility | Credit: X | @rightanglenews

## Know what happened in January 2025: Troubling signs before the tragedy

According to the *Daily Mail*, DeCarlos Brown Jr. previously served five years in prison for armed robbery and had been arrested for assaulting his own sister.

An *Axios* report further revealed that Brown had a diagnosed history of schizophrenia and a record of violent behaviour. In January 2025, he was released from jail without bond after being arrested for abusing the 911 emergency system.

During that incident, Brown made disturbing claims that a "man-made" substance had been implanted in his body, allegedly controlling his ability to eat, walk, and speak.



Iryna Zarutskas's killing: Is judicial oversight to blame? X post reveals magistrate Teresa Stokes' link to suspect DeCarlos Brown Jr. | Credit: X | @OcrazioCornPop

## Netizens share their own conspiracy theories in the comment section

As soon as the post surfaced on social media, it quickly grabbed the attention of netizens, who slammed the authorities for using their position in the wrong way and calling them 'fraud'.

One X user wrote, "This sorta thing has become a free-for-all. Everyone's



doing it. Holding positions of power to enrich yourself is a conflict of interest, IMHO. I remember the first time. It was after 9/11 that Chertoff started his airport body scan business while also working at Homeland Security. I remember thinking that's not right. How is he getting away with that? Pretty much everything that's gone south in this country ramped up during the Bush years."



Netizens share their own conspiracy theories in the comment section | Credit: X | @rightanglenews

"Total scam. People appear before her, and she sends them to court-mandated rehab/treatment," another added.

While one said that "Corrupt judges are a serious problem." "Seems like a conflict of interest. Was she receiving Medicaid reimbursement for services?"

One even demanded to 'arrest her.' "I hope she loses her seat. There is no need for corruption in our government, let alone in our judicial system."

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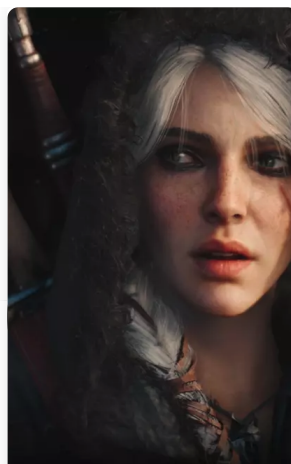
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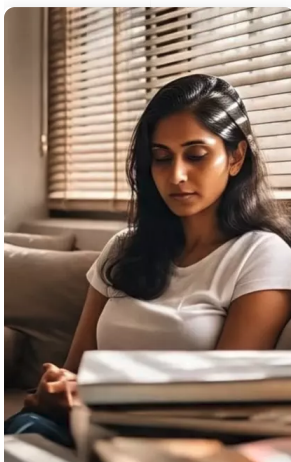
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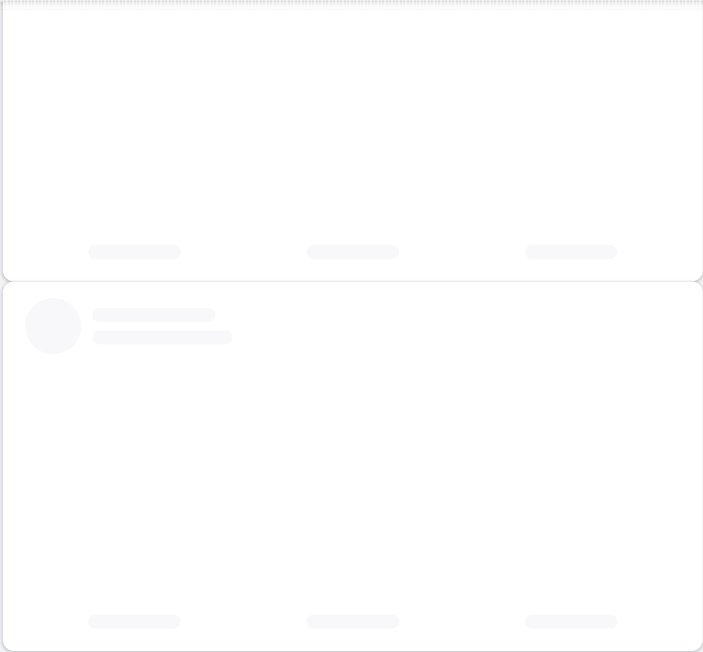
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