



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 30 - PROBABLE-CAUSE HEARING

N.C.G.S. § 15A-612.

Disposition of charge on probable-cause hearing.

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- § 15A-612(a)** At the conclusion of a probable-cause hearing the judge must take one of the following actions:
- (1) If he finds that the defendant probably committed the offense charged, or a lesser included offense of such offense within the original jurisdiction of the superior court, he must bind the defendant over to a superior court for further proceedings in accordance with this Chapter. The judge must note his findings in the case records.
 - (2) If he finds no probable cause as to the offense charged but probable cause with respect to a lesser included offense within the original jurisdiction of the district court, he may set the case for trial in the district court in accordance with the terms of G.S. 15A-613. In the absence of a new pleading, the judge may not set a case for trial in the district court on any offense which is not lesser included.
 - (3) If he finds no probable cause pursuant to subdivisions (1) or (2) as to any charge, he must dismiss the proceedings in question.

§ 15A-612(b) No finding made by a judge under this section precludes the State from instituting a subsequent prosecution for the same offense.

APPARATUS I
2 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 15A-613	(a)(2)	"in accordance with the terms of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-612 (1975).

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