

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury convicts man of 2016 murder, attempted murder**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a jury's guilty verdict ensured that a murderer who killed a man and then tried to kill a woman will spend the rest of his life in prison. The trial of Timothy Crumitie began February 5, 2018, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge.

Crumitie, 52, was tried for 1) first-degree murder, 2) attempted first-degree murder, 3) second-degree burglary, 4) first-degree kidnapping, 5) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 6) assault on a female. The jury found him *guilty* of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, second-degree burglary, first-degree kidnapping and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *not guilty* of assault on a female. Judge Lewis then sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.



**Timothy Crumitie**

For several years, Crumitie had been in an on- and off-again relationship with a woman until she met and fell in love with 38-year-old Michael Gretsinger. On the evening of August 5, 2016, Mr. Gretsinger was walking the woman to her car outside her Charlotte apartment when she realized she had forgotten her cellphone. They both returned to her apartment. Once inside, they found Crumitie hiding behind the door, pointing a gun at them.

While Mr. Gretsinger was on his knees, Crumitie shot him in the head. Crumitie then tied the woman's hands behind her back and kidnapped her at gunpoint, taking her car and driving her to his home in Rowan County, where he held her captive for hours.

Eventually, on the morning of August 6, 2016, Crumitie drove the woman back to Mecklenburg County to a construction site near her apartment. He took her out of the car and told her to turn around. That is when he shot her in the back of the head. She fell to the ground and pretended to be dead. He fired again, shooting her in the temple. He then placed her in the trunk of her car and drove to the parking lot of her apartment complex. She waited until she was confident that he had left and then pulled her trunk's emergency release. She went to a neighbor's home for help and immediately identified Crumitie as her assailant to police.

Mr. Gretsinger died nine days after the shooting. Miraculously, the bullets fired by Crumitie at the woman did not penetrate her skull. She survived and took the stand to testify against Crumitie.

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