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Jury convicts man in triple murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Emmanuel Rangel will spend the rest of his life in prison for the February 2015 murders of three people in Charlotte. The trial, which began on May 14, 2018 and ended today, was held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Rangel, 22, for 1) four counts of first-degree murder and 2) attempted first-degree murder. Rangel was charged with the murder of Rasool Jaleel Harrell, 22, and the attempted murder of another victim in Matthews on February 22, 2015. He was also charged with the murders of Jonathan Alvarado, 23, Jusmar Isiah Gonzaga-Garcia, 21, and Mirjana Puhar, 19, who were killed two days later in Charlotte.

Today, the jury found Rangel *guilty* of three counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of Mr. Alvarado, Mr. Gonzaga-Garcia and Ms. Puhar in the Charlotte case. The jury found him *not guilty* of the charges associated with the Matthews case.

Following the jury's verdict, Judge Poovey sentenced Rangel to three consecutive sentences of *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In 2017, a jury convicted codefendant [Edward Sanchez](#) in connection with the four murders. Charges against two additional codefendants in this case remain pending.

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