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Man sentenced to life in prison for woman's murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Following a jury's guilty verdict, Michael Joseph Boone was sentenced today to spend the rest of his life in prison for the January 2017 stabbing death of 37-year-old Shenika Monique Simpson. The trial began September 9, 2019, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Boone, 33, for first-degree murder. Today, the jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell then sentenced Boone to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

In January 2017, Ms. Simpson and her boyfriend were renting space to stay with Boone in a boarding house on Vancouver Drive in Charlotte. Ms. Simpson's boyfriend was away when Ms. Simpson was attacked and stabbed 24 times during an attempted rape. Her boyfriend called police when he returned to the home and saw that someone was injured in Boone's room, not realizing that the victim was Ms. Simpson. When police arrived, they discovered Boone wearing gloves and bloodied clothing and carrying two knives – the murder weapons – in his pocket. Ms. Simpson was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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