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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man of murdering woman at bus stop

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, Santario Miller was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison after a jury found him guilty of fatally shooting 39-year-old Shalamar Venable at a Charlotte bus stop. The trial began November 1, 2021, and ended today with the jury's guilty verdict. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

Miller, 36, was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Hayes sentenced him to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*, as well as an additional 17-30 months in prison.

In May 2018, Miller approached Ms. Venable at a bus stop on North Tryon Street in Charlotte and accused her of stealing from him. As he attempted to rob her, he produced a handgun and shot her multiple times at close range. Ms. Venable was transported to a local hospital but passed away soon thereafter.

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