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Man sentenced to life in prison for 21-year-old woman's murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Richard Henry Jordan, Jr. will spend the rest of his life in prison as a result of a jury finding him guilty of the 2018 murder of 21-year-old Alexis Alize Fraley. The Honorable George C. Bell, Superior Court Judge, presided over the trial, which was held in courtroom 5370 March 20-April 4, 2023.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Jordan, 43, for 1) first-degree murder, 2) second-degree kidnapping, 3) concealing a death, and 4) conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. During the trial, the State dismissed the conspiracy offense due to the lack of testimony to support that charge. On April 4, 2023, after deliberating for about four hours, the jury found him *guilty* of first-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping, and concealing a death. Judge Bell then sentenced Jordan to the mandatory sentence of *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

Charges against Jordan's codefendant, Ashley Helms, remain pending.

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