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Jury convicts man of murder and attempted murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The man who fatally shot two people and injured two more in a 2019 shooting at a home in south Charlotte has been sentenced to life in prison after a jury found him guilty of two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted murder, and discharging a firearm within an enclosure to incite fear. The trial, which began July 10, 2023, ended today with the jury's guilty verdict. The Honorable Louis A. Trosch, Superior Court Judge, presided over the trial.

The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Homicide Team tried Caldwell Cole, 79, for 1) the first-degree murder of Janet Scronce, 2) the first-degree murder of Furahn Morrow, 3) the attempted murder of Tildon Hoyle, 4) the attempted murder of Douglas Bolton, and 5) discharging a firearm within an enclosure to incite fear. The jury found him *guilty as charged*. Judge Trosch then sentenced Cole to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

After being asked to leave the residence at 2740 Lytham Drive, Caldwell Cole returned to his home, where he retrieved his fully loaded revolver and eighteen additional rounds of ammunition. Cole then returned to 2740 Lytham Drive and walked to the rear of the residence, where he shot Mr. Morrow and Mr. Bolton, then proceeded inside the home, shooting Ms. Scronce and Mr. Hoyle. Cole was then detained by other residents of the home until police responded and took Cole into custody.

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