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## ***ENOREE MAN RECEIVES LIFE PRISON SENTENCE FOR STABBING DEATH***

An Enoree man received a life prison sentence today after he was found guilty of stabbing a local woman to death.

Norman E. Stoudenmire, 51, was found guilty of murder at the conclusion of a three-day jury trial. He will serve every day of Circuit Judge Derham Cole's prison sentence. He is not eligible for parole.

Stoudenmire stabbed Gwendolyn "Gwen" Emory, 52, to death on Feb. 23, 2008 at her Enoree home. The victim died as a result of multiple stab wounds to her chest. Sheriff's deputies used DNA evidence collected from under the victim's fingernails to connect the defendant to the crime.

Stoudenmire consented to a police interview following his Feb. 29, 2008 arrest. Stoudenmire told deputies he would admit to killing Emory if he could avoid the death penalty. When it was explained to him that that interviewing officers didn't control the potential sentence, he admitted to killing Emory but he was unable to provide details. He said his memory was poor because he smoked crack cocaine and consumed alcohol prior to the violence.

Stoudenmire's prior criminal spanned more than 30 years with convictions for burglary, escape, resisting arrest, violation of probation, numerous property crimes and numerous driving offenses.

"The sentence matches the crime," Assistant Solicitor Abel Gray said. "He is a career criminal who deserves to spend the rest of his life behind bars."

Gray teamed with Assistant Solicitor Timi Poulos to prosecute the case.

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