

## Death row inmate gets new trial

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Death row inmate Glen Edward Chapmen will be retried for the 1993 murders of two Hickory women.

The order was signed by Superior Court Judge Robert C. Ervin yesterday, who said in his ruling the cases' investigators withheld evidence.

Chapmen was convicted and sentenced to death for the murders of Betty Jean Ramseur and Tenene Yvette Conley. Ramseur was discovered in the crawl space of a residence that had been burned twice and Conley was discovered in the closet of an abandoned residence.

In the judge's order, Ervin detailed witness statements that indicated Conley was seen alive after prosecutors said she was dead and several other pieces of evidence that were not turned over. The only physical evidence linking Chapmen to the deaths, according to the report, was the result of consensual sex with Conley.

Among items alleged to have been mishandled was a photo lineup. A witness was shown six photographs, and while that witness said he had no difficulty identifying a man- investigators did not tell prosecutors the witness identified someone else during the lineup, and all six photographs are missing from the Hickory Police Department's files and were never submitted as evidence.