## Ga. killer sentenced to death in beheading murder

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) -- A man found guilty in the 2007 decapitation murder of a Georgia nurse has been sentenced to death.

A Tallahassee jury deliberated for about an hour Monday before reaching its decision on 64-year-old Gary Michael Hilton.

Hilton was found guilty last week in the killing of 46-year-old Cheryl Dunlap.

He was earlier sentenced to life in prison in exchange for a guilty plea in the murder of 24-year-old Meredith Emerson.

The headless bodies of both women were found in forests where Hilton camped in northern Georgia and the Florida Panhandle. He is also a suspect in at least three other killings in Florida and North Carolina.

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