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Competency Hearing Sought In St. Joseph Death

(AP)--An attorney is seeking a competency hearing for a suspect in the death of a St. Joseph man. Defense attorney Michelle Davidson on Thursday asked a Buchanan County judge for 30 days to arrange a mental examination for 39-year-old Robert Jarrell.

Jarrell and another man, Martin Rilinger, are charged with second-degree murder in the death of 38-year-old Jason Davies. His body was found near Leavenworth, Kan., on Sept. 19.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports prosecutors didn't object to Davidson's request and it was granted. Investigators allege Jarrell and Rilinger beat Davies with a baseball bat and frying pan at his apartment in St. Joseph.

Both defendants are being held in the Buchanan County Jail on \$250,000 bonds.

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