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Man Pleads Guilty in St. Joseph Homicide

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph man has pleaded guilty to participating in the beating death of a man whose body was dumped near the Missouri River in Leavenworth, Kan.

Forty-nine-year-old Martin Rilinger pleaded guilty Thursday to second-degree murder in the September murder of 38-year-old Jason Davies.

KQTV reports Rilinger was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Authorities say Davies was killed at a St. Joseph apartment before his body was taken to the river. Another suspect, 39-year-old Robert Jarrell, is also charged in the case.

Rilinger told the court Davies was beaten with a frying pan and baseball bat during a fight. No one in the apartment stopped the fight, and they eventually took the body to the river, using a wheelbarrow to dispose of it.

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