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Two Face Charges in Fatal Shooting of Topeka Officer

(KNZA)--Formal charges are expected to be filed Tuesday against two men arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of a Topeka police officer.

Corporal Jason Harwood was killed Sunday during a car stop in east Topeka.

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office says 30-year-old Ross Lane, suspected of shooting the 40-year-old decorated law enforcement officer, was taken into custody on Sunday. Lane is expected to be charged with capital murder, criminal distribution of a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The sheriff's office, which is handling the investigation into Harwood's death, says a second man, Randy Ridens Jr. was arrested Monday morning and booked into the county jail. Ridens, who is accused of aiding Lane, faces charges possession of stolen property, obstruction and a probation violation.

Both men made their first appearance in a Shawnee County courtroom Monday.

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