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Capital Charge Filed Over Topeka Officer's Death

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A 30-year-old man has been charged with capital murder in the shooting death of a Topeka police officer.

Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor announced Wednesday that he had filed the charge against Ross Preston Lane, who was being held without bond. Kansas law allows the death penalty for the slaying of a law enforcement officer.

Police Corporal Jason Harwood was shot to death Sunday after stopping a car in east Topeka.

Lane also was charged with possessing a stolen firearm and criminal possession of a firearm as a past felon.

Another 30-year-old man, Anthony Allen Ridens Jr., was charged with obstructing apprehension of a felon and possession of a stolen motorcycle

Meanwhile, services for Corporal Harwood will be held Saturday morning at 11 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

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