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Trial set in area murder case

(KNZA)--A jury trial has been set for a St. Joseph, Missouri man charged in the shooting death of a former Troy man last August.

Jessie Lee Nelson recently pleaded not guilty in Buchanan County Circuit Court to charges of first-degree murder, first-degree assault and armed criminal action.

A trial was scheduled to begin November 12.

Nelson was found competent to stand trial last month following a mental evaluation.

He is accused of killing 29-year-old Mack Jenkins and seriously wounding 23-year-old Deon Hernandez on August 6 of last year.

Witnesses told police they saw Nelson allegedly fire shots into a vehicle containing Jenkins and Hernandez after it had crashed just north of downtown St. Joseph, and then drive away.

Nelson remains in the Buchanan County Jail, held on a \$250,000 bond.

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