Man sentenced in Perry Lake homicide

(KNZA)--A man convicted of killing his girlfriend's mother's boyfriend at Perry Lake last year has been handed a life sentence.

23-year-old Jonathan Blevins, of Topeka, was sentenced Thursday on a charge of first-degree murder in the shooting death of 22-year-old Taylor Sawyer, of Lawrence. His body was found March 14 of last year along a trail in a remote area that had been closed for several years.

A jury found Blevins guilty of the charge last month.

The Jefferson County Attorney's Office says he will not be eligible for parole for 50 years.

His girlfriend, Ashlyn Hemmerling, also faces a charge of first-degree murder. A trial in her case is set for June 10.

Hemmerling is accused of orchestrating the killing at Perry Lake.

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