

Ozawkie man dies following beating

(KAIR)--The man who authorities say was beaten by his son last weekend at the Ozawkie home shared by the pair has died.

WIBW-TV, citing Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Herrig, reports that 59-year-old Michael West died after being removed from life support. He was hospitalized following the beating he allegedly incurred by his son, also named Michael. According to court documents, the younger West allegedly used a hammer during the Saturday morning attack on his father.

The younger West, court documents show, made his first appearance in Jefferson County District Court Monday, then facing a charge of attempted first degree murder. However, charges are expected to be upgraded following his father's death.

His next court appearance is set for September 21.

According to a release from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Saturday morning, around 8:30, Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies were joined by the Jefferson County Ambulance Service, and First Responders, in responding to 6926 Shawnee Lane, in Lake Ridge Estates, at Ozawkie, following a report that a man had been hit in the head several times with a blunt object at that address. It was there they found the elder West suffering from life threatening injuries, and he was transported for treatment at a Topeka hospital.

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(KAIR)--A Jefferson County man is accused of attempting to murder his father at the Ozawkie home they share.

A release from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office identifies the accused as 30-year-old Michael West who was arrested Saturday in Leavenworth, and taken into custody on the charge of attempted first degree murder.

Following his arrest, West was booked into the Jefferson County Jail. He's held on no bond until his first District Court appearance.

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with a blunt object at that address.

Injured was West's 59-year-old father, also named Michael, who was transported by Jefferson County Ambulance to Stormont Vail, in Topeka, for the treatment of what the release calls "life threatening injuries."

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