

Keadle motion for change of venue granted

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - A judge has granted the request of a man accused of killing a Peru State College student to move his trial from Nemaha County.

Radio station KWBE reports that a judge on Tuesday granted a change of venue request from Joshua Keadle, who is set to stand trial Sept. 16 for first-degree murder in the disappearance and presumed death of a 19-year-old Peru State College student, Tyler "Ty" Thomas.

Keadle's trial will now be held in Gage County, where the judge said the courthouse in Beatrice has better facilities.

Thomas disappeared Dec. 3, 2010, after leaving a party near the campus. The state issued a death certificate for Thomas in 2013, even though her body has never been found.

Keadle is serving a 15-to-20-year prison sentence for the 2008 rape of a 15-year-old girl.

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