Joshua Keadle murder trial underway

(KLZA)-- Opening arguments began Tuesday in Beatrice in the murder trial of 38-year-old Joshua Keadle.

Keadle is accused of killing 19-year-old Tyler "Ty" Thomas in December, 2010. Both were students at Peru State College at the time.

Keadle's attorney told the jury there was no DNA evidence linking Thomas to Keadle. He said there is no body, and no way to determine with scientific certainty, how she died, if she is dead.

Prosecutors say investigators found a series of smooth marks, suspected drag marks. Assistant Attorney General Doug Warner, serving as prosecutor said Thomas was killed at the river and dumped in the river.

Thomas was declared legally dead in 2013. Her body has never been found.

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