Macomber Found Guilty of Lesser Charge

A man already serving prison time for wounding a Marshall County sheriff's deputy has been found guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a Topeka man.

The Topeka Capital Journal reports a Shawnee County jury found Stephen Macomber guilty Tuesday of the lesser included offense after deliberating for about 90 minutes. Macomber was also found guilty of criminal possession of a firearm.

Sentencing was set for February 21st.

Macomber had been charged with pre-mediated first-degree murder in the June 10th shooting death of 26-year-old Ryan Lofton.

Prosecutors say after Macomber shot Lofton, he shot and wounded a Marshall County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop in Blue Rapids and then held an elderly woman hostage during a standoff with police. He's serving more than 80 years in prison for those crimes.

Macomber defended himself during his Shawnee County trial, but the court appointed an attorney to assist him.

He's also charged with bank robbery in U.S. District Court in Nebraska for the June 2010 holdup of a bank in Bellevue, Nebraska.