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Murder Suspect to Undergo Mental Exam

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - An Atchison man charged after a police chase ended in the death of a 5-year-old girl will undergo a mental competency evaluation.

A Leavenworth County District Judge on Wednesday approved the mental examination for 30-year-old Marcos McGowan, who is charged with first-degree felony murder and several other charges in the July 18 chase near Leavenworth.

Authorities allege McGowan abducted Cadence Harris from a home they shared with the girl's mother in Atchison. Cadence was found dead from a gunshot in McGowan's car after a police chase ended when McGowan was shot after he pointed a gun at officers.

The Leavenworth Times reports the competency evaluation will be done through The Guidance Center in Leavenworth.

A Sept. 24 hearing is scheduled to determine McGowan's competency to stand trial.

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