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Missing Woman's Family Pursues Lawsuit Against College

AUBURN, Neb. (AP) - The family of a Peru State College student missing since 2010 and presumed dead is pushing ahead with a lawsuit against the college in state court, just two weeks after a similar lawsuit was dismissed in federal court.

At a hearing in Nemaha County District Court on Wednesday, an attorney for the family of Tyler "Ty" Thomas asked a judge to find college officials responsible for ignoring warnings that Joshua Keadle was a possible threat to female students.

The Omaha World-Herald says Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. will issue a ruling at a later date.

Thomas disappeared in December 2010 after leaving a party. Authorities say Keadle, who is in prison for a 2008 rape, made incriminating statements to investigators, leading them to believe he was involved.

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