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Teen Charged in Murder of Grandparents Appears in Court

(KNZA)--A northwest Missouri teenager accused in the murder of his grandparents appeared in a Buchanan County courtroom Friday morning.

16-year-old Joseph Johnson is charged with two counts of first degree murder in the July 4th deaths of James and Beverly Johnson. Their bodies were found in a home they shared with their grandson east of St. Joseph.

Investigators say the couple was shot to death and that James Johnson may have also been strangled.

KQ2-TV reports a judge ruled that Johnson will remain behind bars on a \$250,000 bond.

Johnson's case was moved out of juvenile court on Wednesday after a judge ruled he could face charges as an adult.

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