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Man Accused of Killing KS Detective Appears in Court

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) -- A 29-year-old Leavenworth County man charged in the death of a Kansas City, Kansas, police detective has made his first court appearance in Kansas.

Curtis Ayers, of Tonganoxie, is charged with capital murder in the May 9 death of Detective Brad Lancaster. Ayers is accused of fleeing to Missouri in a car after Lancaster was shot.

Kansas City, Missouri, police shot and wounded Ayers before taking him into custody. He had been hospitalized until last Monday when he was returned to Kansas to face the charges.

The Kansas City Star reports Ayers appeared Friday in Wyandotte County court, where he waived his right to a preliminary hearing. He wasn't required to enter a plea. His next court date is July 20.

Prosecutors say they anticipate filing additional charges.

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