

Man convicted in Perry Lake homicide

**(AP) A man has been convicted of killing his girlfriend's mother's boyfriend at Perry Lake a year ago.**

**Jurors in Jefferson County found 23-year-old Jonathan Blevins, of Topeka, guilty Wednesday of first-degree murder in the death of 22-year-old Taylor Dean Sawyer. His body was found March 14 of last year on a trail in a remote area that had been closed for several years.**

**Sentencing for Blevins is set for April 18.**

**His girlfriend, Ashlyn Hemmerling, is to be arraigned March 21 on a charge of first-degree murder.**

**Her mother, Sarah Hemmerling, initially was charged with obstruction, but that charge was dropped.**

**Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Herrig said previously that authorities believe Ashlyn Hemmerling helped orchestrate the homicide. He said circumstances leading to the homicide may have involved a domestic dispute as well as drug use.**

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