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Man Bound for Trial in Fatal Shooting of Topeka Officer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A man will face a capital murder charge when he is tried next year in the fatal shooting of a Topeka police officer.

Ross Preston Lane was bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing Tuesday in the death of Topeka police Cpl. Jason Harwood. The trial was scheduled for Jan. 11.

Coroner Charles Glenn testified that the 40-year-old Harwood was shot three times on Sept. 7, 2014, after stopping Lane for a routine traffic violation. Harwood was wearing a bulletproof vest but the shots hit him in the neck and abdomen.

Randy Ridens, who gave Lane a ride out of Topeka, will be sent to Larned State Hospital after being found incompetent to stand trial for obstructing apprehension of a fugitive and possession of stolen property.