

Mother, daughter, charged in murder at Perry Lake

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Authorities say a woman has been charged with helping to orchestrate the killing of her mother's boyfriend at a northeast Kansas lake and her mother with helping cover up for her.

Eighteen-year-old Ashlyn Hemmerling is jailed on \$1 million bond on a first-degree murder charge in the death of 22-year-old Taylor Sawyer, whose body was found March 14 at Perry Lake. Hemmerling's mother, 37-year-old Sarah Hemmerling, is jailed on \$100,000 bond on an obstruction charge.

Ashlyn Hemmerling's boyfriend, 22-year-old Jonathan Blevins, also is charged with first-degree murder.

***The Lawrence Journal-World* reports that Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Herrig says authorities believe Blevins pulled the trigger, Ashlyn Hemmerling helped orchestrate the homicide and Sarah Hemmerling helped her daughter disseminate a false story.**

The suspects' attorneys didn't immediately return phone messages from The Associated Press.

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