



Office of the Juvenile Officer  
Family Court Division, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Missouri

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### News Release

On June 12, 2024, the Administrative Judge of the Jackson County Family Court held a detention hearing regarding a Juvenile that is alleged to be involved in the death of Kourtney Freeman. A petition has been filed by the Jackson County Juvenile Officer that alleges the Juvenile committed acts that would be felonies if committed by an adult, including murder in the second degree and unlawful use of a weapon, both Class A Felonies. The Court ordered the Juvenile remain detained at the Juvenile Detention Center, and has set the matter for a certification hearing on October 10, 2024. A certification hearing is where a Court hears evidence on whether a juvenile should stand trial as an adult or remain in the juvenile justice system. Missouri law requires the names of juveniles to be confidential when their cases are in the juvenile justice system in the Family Court Division.

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