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details of what they believe happened during the murder to the court.

Adams asked the court for no bail or, at least, for a high bail amount.

"There's a serious safety issue here for the community," Adams said. "I don't think they intended to kill anyone, but when you put a gun in play, things go wrong; and that's exactly what happened."

Adams also said prosecutors plan to file a request with the court to try the 15-year-old boy as an adult for his alleged involvement in the murder.

After hearing testimony from the investigator and prosecution, Dale County District Court Judge Stanley Garner set Knight's bail at \$250,000.

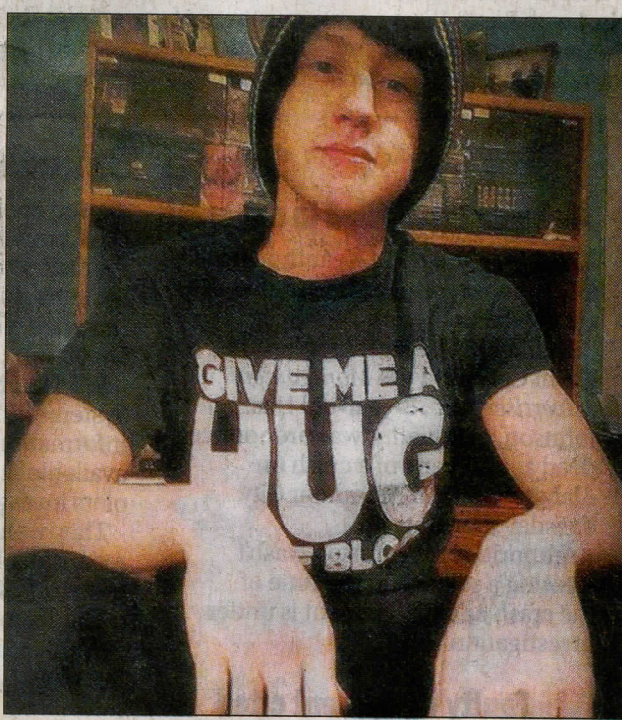
Investigator Billy Crawford, with the 33rd Judicial Circuit Violent Crimes Task Force, testified during the court hearing, outlining the following details of how the murder unfolded:

Knight admitted to police he owned the gun used in the killing.

But Crawford told the court their investigation revealed the 15-year-old boy charged was the actual "trigger" man. Police expect to make at least one more arrest in the ongoing murder investigation. He said there were apparently two other people who waited in a vehicle down the street from where the shooting happened.

Ozark Police Chief Tony Spivey told the media on Monday the two shots were fired toward the victim on Yancey Street. The victim suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. Spivey said police recovered what's believed to be the murder weapon, a 9 mm handgun.

Crawford said the fatal



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Christian Alexander Markoff, 17, was shot to death Sunday night, not far from Carroll High School, where he was a student.

shooting happened during a drug transaction.

Crawford also said police were alerted to the suspect's location after the murder when the Ozark Fire Department was called to a fire at a local residence. He said police were called in to assist and found the suspects had attempted to burn their clothes from the shooting on the back porch of a home.

Crawford said police also discovered Knight had prepared to bury the handgun believed to have been used in the murder after they

found it concealed inside a metal box.

Spivey said information technology such as social media helped police develop suspects in the murder.

A picture posted on Knight's Facebook page appeared to show him pointing a handgun at the camera. The picture appeared to have been posted close to the same time as the shooting.

Adams told the court Knight appeared "proud" of his gun in the pictures posted on Facebook, as he asked for no bail to be set.

During the hearing, Knight told the judge he is a second-semester student at Wallace Community College. Garner also appointed attorney Bill Kominos to represent Knight in court.

Knight remains held at the Dale County Jail.

The second suspect arrested remains held at the Southeast Alabama Juvenile Diversion Center. Adams said a hearing will have to be held in juvenile court before the 15-year-old boy can be transferred to adult court.