

## Capital murder trial began in Geneva Tuesday

GENEVA — Prosecution witnesses set the crime scene Tuesday as the capital murder trial began in Geneva County Circuit Court in the case against a Geneva County man accused of killing a locally known drug dealer.

Testimony by officers from the Geneva Police Department and Geneva County Sheriff's Department outlined the investigation into the shooting death of Mike Brown, 25, of Geneva. Brown was found slumped in his vehicle around midnight on March 20, 2004. A gunshot wound was found behind his left ear.

Geneva Task Force Commander Tony Helms said the search of Brown's car produced a bag of crack cocaine and money. But the search did not produce hair, foreign threads or fingerprints of Richard Jenkins, 44, of L.H. Ausley Road, Samson. Jenkins was arrested March 25, 2004, and charged with capital murder since Brown was allegedly shot while in his vehicle.

Helms testified tire marks found on Radio Hill, a street in southeastern Geneva, indicated a car had spun from the roadway. Brown's vehicle was found against a tree.

Jenkins has been incarcerated without bond in Geneva County Jail.

Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said he is seeking the maximum sentence of life without parole. Prosecution witnesses today will discuss the forensic evidence and the autopsy.

Testimony will resume at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Ben McLauclin and the nine-man, five-woman jury.