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Medford man guilty of murder

A Suffolk County jury has convicted a 23 year old Medford man of second degree murder for the strangulation death of a North Patchogue woman he hired for sex after meeting her on Craigslist.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Chad Johnson will face 25 years to life behind bars when he is sentenced on January 5.

Johnson strangled Jennifer Papain, 26, when she refused to give him his \$80 back after the pair had a sexual encounter in a car in North Bayshore on March 24, 2010.

Following his arrest May 24, 2010, Johnson led detectives to a wooded area near his home on Expressway Drive North where he buried Papain's body in a shallow grave.

In addition to murder in the second degree, the jury found Johnson guilty of patronizing a prostitute and aggravated unlicensed driving.

The trial began October 26.



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