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Murder trial begins in Riverhead

The murder trial of a Medford man accused of murdering a prostitute he hired from a Craigslist ad began Wednesday afternoon in Suffolk County court in Riverhead.

Chad Johnson, 23, of Medford, allegedly strangled Jennifer Papain, 26, during an argument over money in March of 2010.

Johnson led police to a wooded area not far from his home on Expressway Drive North where they recovered Papain's body.

In addition to murder in the second degree, Johnson is charged with patronizing a prostitute, driving without a license and possession of marijuana.

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