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Former Police Officer Gets Life Sentence

A former Dodge City police officer has been sentenced to life in prison for killing a 25-year-old woman.

Christopher Tahah was sentenced Friday to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 20 years. The Dodge City Globe reports that Tahah was convicted in September of felony first-degree murder in the 2007 death of Erin Jones in her Dodge City home.

Tahah was first convicted in 2008 of first-degree murder in Jones' death. But the Kansas Supreme Court threw out the conviction last year, saying the jury should have been allowed to consider lesser charges, including involuntary manslaughter.

Ford County District Judge Leigh Hood also sentenced Tahah to a consecutive 8 1/2-year sentence for criminal discharge of a firearm in an occupied dwelling.

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