

Fifth-grader to stand trial for murder

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PITTSBURGH -- Attorneys for a fifth-grade Pennsylvania boy accused of fatally shooting his father's pregnant fiancée say they will seek to move the case to juvenile court.

Lawrence County District Judge David Rishel has ordered 11-year-old Jordan Brown to stand trial as an adult on two counts of homicide following testimony by state troopers and witnesses, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Wednesday.

Brown is accused in the New Galilee slayings of Kenzie Marie Houk, 26, and her unborn son.

The newspaper says the boy showed no emotion during the Tuesday hearing and did not react to Judge Rishel's ruling.

Attorneys Dennis Elisco and David Acker say they will seek a desertification hearing to move the case to juvenile court once they receive the results of tests on evidence found at the crime scene, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports.

Among the evidence being tested is a shotgun found in Jordan Brown's bedroom and gun residue on the boy's clothing.

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