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(S.D.)-Prosecutors Weigh Death Penalty In Rapid City Slaying



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - Prosecutors say they'll decide over the next month whether to seek the death penalty should a Rapid City man be convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend and her unborn child.

Thirty-two-year-old Michael Young is accused in the April 2012 stabbing death of Morgan Myers, who was pregnant with Young's child. Authorities say Myers died in the parking lot of a Rapid City Wal-Mart.

Young has pleaded not guilty to charges including first-degree murder and fetal homicide.

Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo says he'll announce his decision on pursuing the death penalty at a Dec. 2 hearing on pretrial motions.

Should Young be convicted he would face a minimum sentence of life in prison.

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