

Forster enters not guilty pleas in Officer Blake Snyder case

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ST. LOUIS - Trenton Forster, accused of first-degree murder in the death of **St. Louis County Police Officer** and **Edwardsville** resident **Blake Snyder**, entered two not guilty pleas **Wednesday** afternoon.

Snyder is a **Godfrey** native and **Alton High School** graduate. Snyder was living in Edwardsville at the time of his death with his now-widowed wife and young child.

Forster had been charged with one count of first-degree murder and one count of armed criminal action in the case. Forster allegedly shot and killed Officer Snyder on **Oct. 6** in the early morning hours when the policeman responded to a residence near **Affton, Mo.**,

on a domestic violence call. Forster allegedly fired his shots right after Officer Snyder arrived at around 5 a.m.

There was an outpouring of support for Officer Snyder and their family last week during the funeral, procession and final rites at **Valhalla Cemetery** in Godfrey. Some said they had never witnessed a greater show of support by those in law enforcement and community for a fallen officer.