

## **Perner Waits To Be Sentenced**

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Admitted drug user Mitchell Perner faces 25 years in prison at his sentencing hearing today in Lacrosse....but first...Perner had to hear tearful testimony from Shelby Perkins family. Perner was found guilty earlier this year of giving a potent dose of heroin to Perkins last May...she died early May 21st of heroin toxicity after injecting the drug at the couple's South Side La Crosse apartment.

Kelly Perkins, Shelby's father, spoke to Judge Elliot Levine. Perkins begged with the judge to give Perner the maximum 25 years that he is facing. Perkins also had a message for Perner.....that when he goes to prison.....his only alternative of survival...is to commit suicide.

The judge's ruling is expected later today.