

NEWS RELEASE – WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

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Wyoming High School Mock Trial Posts 2020 Case, Plans Virtual State Competition

CHEYENNE – A troubled teen-ager attends a wilderness therapy program at a ranch in Wyoming and dies during a solo trek, in the 2020 case written for the Wyoming High School Mock Trial competition.

WHSMT released the case on Sept. 3 with plans to hold a state competition virtually after Thanksgiving. Competition is open to teams of 6-8 students from any high school, and teams are allowed to include eighth graders for the purpose of the state tournament. The winner will represent Wyoming in the National High School Mock Trial competition in May, also to be held virtually.

In the 2020 case of State of Wyoming vs. Casey Moore, Moore is accused of negligent homicide in the death of 16-year-old Derek Overstreet in the final ordeal of a month-long program at the Wilderness Ranch in Carter County, Wyoming. He must walk 20 miles by himself in two days, but he encounters dried up water sources and he dies before he can reach the end of his trail.

In the competition, each team takes the prosecution and defense roles in alternating “trials” against another team. Attorneys recruited by WHSMT from around the state will score the teams as they present their cases. Team registration deadline is Nov. 10, 2020.

Contact WHSMT coordinator Marguerite Herman in Cheyenne for case materials and rules at wyoingmocktrial@gmail.com or 307-630-8095. Competition updates will be posted on the WHSMT Facebook page. During a Website redesign, this is the best way to access materials and updates. Please check later at www.wyomocktrial.com.

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