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**(Regional)-Witness To Neb. Homicide Guilty Of Selling Drugs**

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SIDNEY, Neb. (AP) - A witness to the shooting death of a Sidney woman has pleaded guilty to distributing drugs.

56-year-old Leland Blake pleaded guilty to distributing vicodin as part of a deal with prosecutors. Two other charges were dismissed.

Blake also agreed to testify against 53-year-old Larry Martinez.

Prosecutors say Martinez shot and killed 30-year-old Mandy Kershman in July at Blake's home because Martinez was angry over a text message from her.

Blake is scheduled to be sentenced March 6. Prosecutors say he sold the painkillers to an undercover offer twice in July.