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# Teen shot girl with gun given by neighbor, say police

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JONESBORO — Jury selection began Monday in the trial of an Ellenwood teenager accused of shooting to death a former girlfriend using a gun given to him by an adult neighbor.

Kevin Kosturi was 15 when police said he put a .38-caliber revolver to the chest of Angel Hope Freeman, 16, and pulled the trigger. He was a month away from his 16th birthday.

Kosturi is 17 and being held without bond in the Clayton County Jail on murder and other felonies. He is being prosecuted as an adult.

Police also arrested Kosturi's neighbor in the February 2011 shooting. Robert Allen Bethune, 23, is charged with theft by taking, furnishing a weapon to a person under 18 and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Kosturi allegedly asked Bethune for a weapon to protect himself from another teenager.

Police said Kosturi first blamed the shooting on a Hispanic male but later confessed. Kosturi allegedly threw the weapon into a lake.

Kosturi and Freeman apparently argued and when he pulled out the gun, Freeman reportedly told him, "You won't shoot me," said police.

All defendants should be considered innocent until proven guilty.