

King hearing is last before sentencing

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SARASOTA COUNTY - The next hearing for a man convicted of killing 21-year-old Denise Lee is scheduled for Oct. 28, when he will have a chance to present more evidence for why he should not be put to death for the crime.



A jury voted 12-0 this month that Michael King, 38, should get the death penalty for the January 2008 abduction, rape and murder of the North Port mother of two.

Circuit Judge Deno Economou will ultimately decide if King gets the death penalty or life in prison.

The two-day hearing next month is the last chance for prosecutors and defense attorneys to present any last evidence before the judge makes his decision.

It also provides an opportunity for King to make a statement if he wishes.