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# CITY LAW STUDENT DENIES IDDON THREAT



KENNETH IDDON: Throat cut

A FORMER UCLan law student denied suggesting "holding a gun to the head" of a wealthy businessman later found dead at his home.

Michael Hefferon, of Kingfisher Street, Deepdale, Preston, is the former boyfriend of Gemma Iddon – daughter of Kenneth Iddon who discovered the body of her father at his

family home at Greetby Hill, Ormskirk.

Mr Hefferon told the Preston Crown Court murder trial he had nothing to do with the killing but claimed that he had informed police almost two years before Kenneth Iddon's death that he had heard £500 cash had been handed over as a "down payment" to someone to kill Kenneth Iddon.

Mr Hefferon, 30, was giving evidence in the resumed trial at

Preston Crown Court in which five people including Kenneth Iddon's stepson Lee Shergold and wife Lynda are accused of his murder in February last year.

During cross-examination by Stephen Riordan QC representing Shergold, Mr Hefferon told the court he met Gemma in Preston but denied the break-up had been acrimonious.

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