

Fulgham's attempted jail escape trial set for Feb. 1  
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**STARKVILLE - Accused killer Kristi Fulgham is scheduled to stand trial Feb. 1 on an attempted jail escape charge.**

Fulgham, who has been in the Oktibbeha County Jail since 2003, is set to stand trial to determine whether she tried to leave the jail Oct. 7, 2004.

Earlier this year, the 29-year-old refused to participate in a mental evaluation, although her attorney said Fulgham appears to be mentally competent to stand trial.

Assistant District Attorney Frank Clark said Fulgham faces up to five years in prison if convicted of the attempted escape charge.

A cell phone and charger were found on Fulgham the day of the alleged attempted jail escape. David West is scheduled to stand trial Jan. 30 accused of furnishing the electronic devices to Fulgham. However, his trial likely won't happen until Fulgham faces her charge.

Fulgham was arrested in May 2003 and charged with murder in the slaying of her husband, Joseph "Joey" Fulgham, at their Oktibbeha County residence.

Kristi Fulgham's half-brother, Tyler Edmonds, who was 13 when arrested, was convicted of murdering Joey Fulgham and sentenced to life in prison.

Circuit Judge Jim Kitchens is scheduled to preside during Fulgham's attempted escape trial. However, Kitchens recused himself from hearing Fulgham's murder trial because of comments he made during Edmonds' sentencing phase of his trial in 2004.

Stephanie Mallette, Fulgham's attorney, could not be reached for comment.