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A 25-year-old nursing student staked out her ex-boyfriend's downtown Kansas City loft Friday morning and gunned him down in front of at least five witnesses, police said.

Jackson County prosecutors charged Sonia M. Galindo, of Warrensburg, Mo., with first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of Alexander Gladkov, 23. Galindo was in jail Friday night, with bond set at \$250,000.

Galindo is enrolled in the nursing program at Central Missouri State University, according to university officials. Gladkov attended CMSU on a student visa from Russia. Known as a straight-A student, he graduated with a business administration degree in May and had been working since June at the accounting firm Ernst & Young at 12th and Main streets.

Court records said Galindo waited in the lobby of Gladkov's loft building at 127 W. 10th Street on Friday and accosted him about 8 a.m.

Witnesses told police she shot at Gladkov in the lobby and chased him outside and across the street while continuing to shoot at him, according to court records. Once he collapsed on the sidewalk across the street, Galindo allegedly walked up to him and shot him two more times as he lay on the ground.

Galindo was standing next to Gladkov's body when police arrived. They arrested her and recovered two guns near Gladkov's body.

An ambulance took Gladkov to a hospital, where he died. It was Kansas City's 106th homicide of the year.

Court records said more than five witnesses saw all or part of the shooting and their statements were consistent. None of the witnesses reported seeing the victim with any weapons.

Police roped off 10th Street between Baltimore Avenue and Wyandotte Street for hours Friday as evidence was collected. A set of keys, a brown purse, a cell phone and two flip-flop shoes were scattered near a pool of blood in front of the Kansas City Public Library parking garage.

Detectives also reviewed surveillance video from the loft building lobby. The tape showed Galindo arriving Friday morning, going past the secured door and entering an elevator. A few minutes later, the video showed Galindo exiting the elevator, coming out the secured door and waiting in the lobby.

After a few minutes, the video showed Gladkov coming out the secured door. He backed up, ducked and fled, according to court records.

A building resident said he saw Galindo curled up in a fetal position in the building's vestibule about 7:30 a.m. She was talking on a cell phone, and something about her manner struck Blake Asbury as wrong.

"She didn't look right," Asbury said.

Gladkov's mother was visiting from Russia and had been staying at her son's loft in recent weeks, police and friends of the victim said. Gladkov's mother and father are divorced. Friends said Gladkov was an only child and was extremely close to his mother.

Friends described Gladkov as very studious. He graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average, they said. He got an internship with Ernst & Young earlier this year and was hired upon graduation, said Steve Clifford, managing partner of the firm. Gladkov worked in the information systems group.

"Alex was an outstanding young man and a great professional," Clifford said Friday. "He showed a tremendous amount of promise. It's just a very tragic loss."

Gladkov's friends said he was a private person, so they did not know much about his relationship with Galindo. Police said they used to date. The length of their relationship and when they broke up was not clear Friday. Galindo declined to talk to detectives.

The Star's John Shultz contributed to this report.

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Galindo