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Rap Brown Trial Delayed Again

NEW YORK (AP) A third judge took over the H. Rap Brown case Thursday, but defense moves again delayed start of the black militant's trial on charges of holding up a bar and attempting to kill policemen in a shootout.

Brown, 29, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, wore dungarees and a tan sweater when he appeared with three codefendants in state Supreme Court before the new judge, Arnold Fraiman.

Fraiman was assigned after Justice George Carney withdrew because of illness, and Justice Myles Lane was promoted to the Appellate Division.

Brown and the other defendants — Samuel Petty, Arthur Young and Levi Valentin — were not asked to speak, but each was asked to stand up so that Fraiman might learn their names.

Fraiman reserved decision on a defense motion for a pretrial hearing on whether the defendants had been properly identified by reputed witnesses.

The defendants are accused of holding up the Red Carpet Lounge here and its patrons on Oct. 16, 1971, and of wounding two policemen in the shootout. Brown also was wounded and spent about six months in a hospital, before being transferred to jail.