Tijerina, who was allowed to conduct his own defense in the four-week trial, was among 10 persons charged with kidnaping and false imprisonment in the June, 1967, armed raid on the Rierra Amarilla Courthouse. Defense attorney entered motions for dismissal on grounds the State had failed

to prove its case. Specifically, the defense attorneys said the alleged false imprisonment of Rio Arriba County Deputy Sheriff Dan Rivers had not been proved. Rivera had testified that

Rivera had testified that he did not blame Tijerina for the courthouse incident and that he had not been forced during the incident to go anywhere against his will.