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Watergate Defendant Faces Trial

MIAMI (AP) — Two FBI agents, two bank officials and two state employes led the parade of witnesses to the stand Wednesday as Watergate defendant Bernard L. Barker went on trial on state charges.

FBI agents John E. Dentton of Washington and John Cloherty of West Palm Beach identified a \$25,000 campaign check made out to Kenneth Dahlberg, President Nixon's Midwest campaign finance chairman.

Barker, 55, a former Central Intelligence Agency operative, is accused of fraudulently notarizing Dahlberg's signature on the check without Dahlberg being present, a violation of state law.

The agents said they got the check from the First Bank and Trust Co. of Boca Raton, Fla.

Thomas P. Monahan, vice president of the bank, testified that Dahlberg purchased the check April 10.

Margery Stone, head of the bank's Collection Department, said she sold the check to Dahlberg and that he gave her the \$25,000 cash.

Barker, along with four other men, was arrested last June inside the Democratic national headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington. The five were later indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of breaking into the offices to steal documents and to install electronic bugs to intercept telephone and oral communications.

Democrats alleged the \$25,000 was used by Barker to finance the political espionage.

The Barker case is being heard without a jury.