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Trial Delayed

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Bernard L. Barker, a key defendant in the Watergate bugging case, won a postponement yesterday in the start of his state trial on check verifying charges.

At the same time, a federal judge hearing pleas to halt both the state trial and federal charges against Barker said he would reserve decision until late Monday.

Criminal Court Judge Paul Baker delayed until Wednesday Barker's scheduled trial on charges of fraudulently notarizing a check. The judge said the delay would allow Barker's lawyer time to present further motions to the court.

U.S. District Judge Peter T. Fayput postponed until 5 p.m. Monday any ruling on pleas from Barker's attorney to halt both the Florida action and the pending Washington federal trial of Barker and four other men allegedly caught inside Democratic Party headquarters at Washington's Watergate complex.

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