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JUDGE, CITING FORD, GOES EASY ON A MAN

ROCHESTER, Sept. 10 (AP)—
President Ford's pardoning of
former President Richard M.
Nixon apparently helped Gor-
don L. Boerman escape a pris-
on sentence Tuesday.

Mr. Boerman, 33 years old,
who says he is in the process
of having his sex changed and
uses the name of Leah Gordon,
had pleaded guilty to attempted
criminal sale of a controlled
substance.

Judge Andrew G. Celli of
Monroe County Court said that
because of the defendant's
physical condition it would be
"cruel and inhuman for me to
send you to Attica prison."

"Maybe this is a day for for-
giveness in accordance with the
action taken by our President a
few days ago," Judge Celli
said.

The judge then imposed five
years' probation and granted
Mr. Boerman permission to
leave the county "to complete
any surgical processes that may
be needed" to affect the change
from a man to a woman.