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Ourso Hearing Is Postponed Until July 13

PLAQUEMINE (AP) — Dist. Judge Daniel P. Kimball granted a postponement today in the arraignment proceedings of ousted Iberville Parish sheriff Jessel Ourso until July 13.

Judge Kimball granted the motion by defense attorney Robert L. Freeman, a state legislator, because Freeman was registered as Ourso's only attorney and would not be able to defend his client during the present session of the Legislature.

Ourso was expected to enter a plea today to 33 criminal charges, including theft, extortion and malfeasance in office.

The charges were filed against Ourso Friday by Atty. Gen. Jack Gremillion. They followed closely allegations in a civil suit filed by the state to remove Ourso from office.

The sheriff was suspended recently when the accounts of his office were found to be in arrears.

Ourso made bond of \$11,550 on the counts. He said he was innocent of the charges.