TAOS, N.M.—An indefinite postponement was granted for the trial of Edwin M. Gaudet Jr., charged by the state of New Mexico with shooting at a policeman during an escape from federal agents who were trying to arrest him on a charge of threatening the life of President Nixon.

District Judge John Wright granted the delay to give the defense more time to prepare its case. The federal threat charge was dropped after Gaudet's arrest because a witness said she could no longer positively identify him as the man who made the threat.