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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.