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# Hearing Set For Sirhan Trial Delay

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A hearing will be held next week to consider postponement of the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, until after the first of the year, Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker disclosed today.

The trial of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant had been scheduled to start Dec. 9.

Judge Walker also revealed that the prosecution and defense will be asked at the hearing if they have objection to placing a hidden television camera in the courtroom to transmit the trial by closed circuit to an auxiliary courtroom to be used by the press.

Walker said more than 100 newsmen had asked for credentials to cover the trial, but that there were only 35 seats for the news media in the eighth floor courtroom of the hall of justice assigned to the Sirhan trial.

Defense attorney Russell E. Parsons was expected to ask for the continuance on the grounds that another attorney coming into the case — and not yet identified — is still

tied up on another trial and needs time to familiarize himself with the Sirhan defense.

Walker said the hearing would be held in the next 10 to 12 days. Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger was expected to object to the delay but it was generally expected the postponement would be granted and that Sirhan would not go to trial before Jan. 6.

Walker said he had no objection to the use of the closed circuit television, which was worked out in conjunction with the California Freedom of Information Committee.

The camera would not be visible to Sirhan or any other persons in the court but presumably would record the trial, with audio, during all public sessions.

The TV image would be shown on a screen in the second courtroom and would not be transmitted elsewhere or recorded, the judge said. Court decorum would be observed in the second room for the press although there would not be the maximum security precautions which have seen newsmen thoroughly searched before every court appearance.