

McCain hearing Friday continued

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A short status hearing Friday, to determine whether a former Gothenburg resident will be paroled, was continued in Dawson County District Court.

Eric McCain is seeking release from prison after Nebraska lawmakers passed a law that ends mandatory life sentences for juveniles who commit first-degree murder.

As a juvenile, McCain received a life sentence for the 1990 shooting of Gothenburg police sergeant Glenn Haas.

Dawson County attorney Elizabeth Waterman said the hearing was continued because a similar case, involving a juvenile in Nebraska, was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which will decide whether or not to grant a review.

McCain is now 41 and was 17 when Haas was killed.

Officials say the new law responds to a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juveniles unconstitutional.