

Judge delays execution of convicted murderer

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AUSTIN — A federal judge Tuesday issued a stay of execution for convicted murderer Charles Rumbaugh, delaying

his execution, scheduled for midnight Thursday.

A federal court clerk in Houston said Judge George Cire issued the stay after meet-

ing with attorneys for Rumbaugh's parents and the state. Details of the stay order were not available, but it was thought to extend until Rumbaugh is given a competency hearing.

Rumbaugh's parents have contended that their son is not mentally competent and unable to waive his rights of appeal.

Rumbaugh, 25, was convicted of the 1975 murder of an Amarillo jeweler. He has refused appeals and Monday the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals denied a request for a stay of the execution filed by his parents, Rebecca and Harvey Rumbaugh.

Had the federal court declined to give Rumbaugh a stay, the parents could have requested that Gov. Bill Clements act to halt the execution. A spokesman for Clements said the governor is given a back-

ground file on any convict whose date for execution has been set. The Clements spokesman said the governor had studied Rumbaugh's file just in case he became involved in the case.

If the execution were carried out, it would be done by lethal injection rather than electrocution. There has not been an execution in Texas since 1964. Currently, 165 men and two women are facing the death sentence in the state.

Rumbaugh wrote a letter to Randall County District Judge George Dowlen June 11 asking that his execution not be delayed. In the letter, he said the jury had decided he was a "defective humanoid who must be eliminated."

Rumbaugh was convicted of killing Michael Fiorillo on April 4, 1975, during a holdup of Fiorillo's jewelry store.

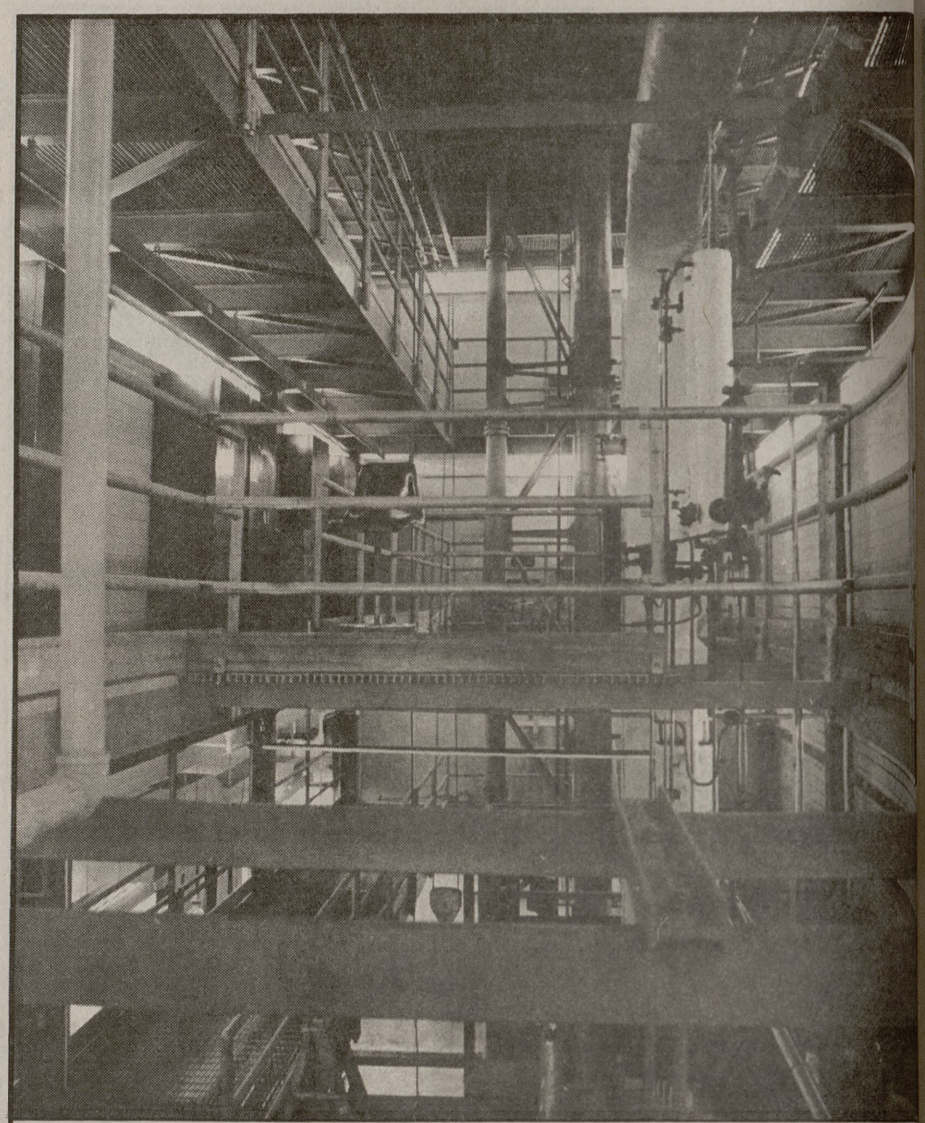
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WICHITA FALLS — Iowa Park businessman and city council member Billy Gilmore has been sentenced to three years in prison at a federal court hearing which was interrupted by an hysterical outburst from Gilmore's son.
Gilmore pleaded guilty June 28 to mail fraud charges in a scheme to bilk a Denver-based oil company out of more than \$70,000 through fraudulent billing for truck repairs.
But before federal judge Eldon Mahon could read the sentence Monday, Gilmore's son Kenny Gilmore, 27, leaped from the bench. He charged with assaulting a federal agent and released on his recognizance.
Mahon then sentenced elder Gilmore and Ramon Key, an area production supervisor for the Petro-Link, three years in prison.
Gilmore and Key pleaded guilty to defrauding Petro-Link by falsifying invoices for Gilmore's truck repair operation in a scheme allegedly involving retired oilman Rowlett, who was indicted on charges.

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