



Defense attorney absence delays Spector trial

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Proceedings in the Phil Spector murder trial were delayed today because defense attorney Bruce Cutler had to seek medical attention, it was announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler announced that Cutler was seeking medical attention and that testimony would be delayed to Wednesday.

Tuesday's proceedings were canceled last week because of a scheduled immigration rights demonstration that was expected to disrupt traffic downtown.

Spector is charged with second-degree murder in the death of actress Lana Clarkson on Feb. 3, 2003. Clarkson was found shot to death in Spector's Alhambra mansion.

Cutler is not currently hospitalized and should be able to return to court on Wednesday, said fellow defense counsel Roger J. Rosen.

Rosen refused to comment on whether Cutler had been hospitalized over the weekend.

"It's none of your business," Rosen told a reporter.

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