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Error delays Adams case Trial date may be set next week

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WAUKEGAN - A Kane County judge on Thursday granted a continuance for former Green Oaks Mayor Thomas Adams due to a scheduling error.

Judge Patricia Piper Golden, selected to hear the case after Lake County judges recused themselves, set a Jan. 26 teleconference. It is possible that a trial date could be set.

According to Adams' attorney, Thomas Briscoe, Golden "miscalculated" Thursday's hearing time and ended up missing the afternoon meeting.

Adams, 70, also a former Lake County Republican Party chairman, was arrested after authorities discovered he e-mailed child pornography to an undercover agent in Florida in 2006. Adams was charged with 33 counts of child pornography, including 11 counts for dissemination.

"It has just been difficult for all the parties to get together," Briscoe said. "If not for the delays, this case could have been resolved two years ago,"

If convicted, Adams could face four to 15 years in prison.