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Trial of man charged in fatal shooting is delayed

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A Howard County circuit judge has postponed until Feb. 15 the trial of a Columbia man charged in the death of his estranged wife and critically injuring his stepdaughter.

Police charged Tuse S. Liu, 49, with fatally shooting So Shan Chan, 52, and injuring Wing Sau Wu, 26, as the women were leaving the Ellicott City Circuit courthouse March 11. Liu has been evaluated at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center since the shootings.

His attorney, Louis P. Willemin, asked for the postponement, saying hospital officials had not completed the evaluation.

Hospital officials "have not yet retained a [Chinese-speaking] psychologist," Willemin said. He said Liu's evaluation should be completed next month.

Judge Diane O. Leasure rescheduled the trial, which was to begin Nov. 1.

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