Trial date scheduled for Gary Michael Hilton

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A Leon County Circuit Court judge has set July 12, 2010 as the day of jury selection in the trial of Gary Michael Hilton, who has been charged with kidnapping and murder in the case of Crawfordville resident Cheryl Dunlap.

The State Attorney's Office requested a date be set during a case-management conference today for the 62-year-old Hilton.

Circuit Court Judge Terry Lewis set the date despite a request by the Public Defender's Office that it be set later, said Assistant State Attorney Eddie Evans.

Hilton, already convicted of murder in Georgia, is charged with first-degree murder in the 2007 slaying of Dunlap.