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AG's office tries to keep lawyer on Plants case

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A hearing on the Michigan Attorney General's Office's efforts to allow one of its lawyers to remain on a perjury case against a former Wayne County prosecutor has been rescheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

In court papers, the Attorney General's office has asked Detroit 36th District Court Judge David Robinson to reconsider his recent order removing assistant Attorney General William Rollstin from leading the perjury prosecution.

In a petition last week, the Attorney General said its case would be irreparably harmed if Rollstin is taken off the case, which stems from false police testimony at a 2005 drug trial. The Attorney General has criminally charged former Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Karen Plants as well as Mary Waterstone, the Wayne County Circuit judge who presided at the drug trial, for their roles in allowing the false testimony to be presented to jurors. The two Inkster cops who testified at the 2005 trial have also been charged.

Judge Robinson earlier ruled that Rollstin should step aside and not prosecute the perjury cases because he may be called as a witness for his role in the investigation.

A hearing on the issue had been set for this afternoon.
