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DUI-DEATH TRIAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

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The DUI-causing-death trial of Brandon Corey Blenden has been postponed until Oct. 7.

Blenden, 19, of Saucier, is accused of driving drunk and killing 4-year-old Whitney Lee when he crashed into the back of her mother's car on Jan. 29, 1995. The trial was supposed to begin Monday. But Circuit Court Judge John H. Whitfield granted the postponement Friday because Blenden's attorney, **Wayne Woodall**, asked for more time, and because one of the prosecutors, Charlie Wood, had a mild heart attack last week.

Wood isn't expected back at work for another six weeks.

The state attempted to try the case in June. But Whitfield declared a mistrial after prosecutors failed to present crucial evidence from a test of Blenden's blood by the Mississippi Crime Laboratory in Jackson.

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