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Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Halts Death Penalty Hearing

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was notified late Tuesday that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, on its own motion, has granted a stay in the death penalty hearing regarding The State of Texas versus John Edward Green being held in the 177th District Court. The hearing on the constitutionality of the death penalty will be effectively stopped pending legal arguments to be made by the parties. All parties will have 15 days to respond to this order by drafting legal briefs with their stated positions.

The State had requested reconsideration after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals declined to halt the proceedings. (END)