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# Suspect Gets Medical Leave

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Honolulu businessman Robert W. Hall, facing trial on four counts of attempted murder, has been granted court permission to leave Hawaii to undergo medical tests which may provide him with a defense.

Circuit Judge Richard Au yesterday gave permission for the 46-year-old Hall to undergo testing for alcohol susceptibility in Zion, Ill., by Dr. Theron G. Randolph. According to court documents, Randolph is a recognized authority on chemical susceptibility problems.

The tests Hall will undergo early next month will be to determine whether Hall's susceptibility could

precipitate "serious abnormal behavior," the court documents said.

A letter by Hall's doctor here, Dr. George M. Ewing of Straub Hospital's department of allergy and clinical immunology, said Hall has been a patient of his for a long time.

EWING SAID Hall may have a susceptibility to alcohol "which, in fact, may have led to and resulted in serious mental aberrations resulting in incidents that led to his recent uncontrolled behavior in a shooting incident."

He was referring to the incident in which Hall was charged with four counts of attempted murder and a charge of carrying a firearm without a permit. Hall allegedly shot or shot

at four persons in the Waikiki Yacht Club May 17.

Ewing also said Hall has shown "significant reactions" when he was exposed to "illuminating gas" which caused him to move to an area where he would not be exposed to such gas. Hall's attorney Reinhard Mohr said he believed the gas referred to was propane gas.


Au also allowed Hall to travel to New Zealand and Fiji to buy an aircraft that is needed for his business. Hall heads Island Airways Hawaii, a cargo business.

City Deputy Prosecutor Keith Kaneshiro objected to the defense requests.

Hall's trial, scheduled for the week of Aug. 25, has been reset to Nov. 5. Hall is free on \$20,000 bail.



Robert W. Hall

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