

Three Face New Hearing In Mexican Alien Charges

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BISBEE — George T. Hanigan and his two sons, accused of abducting and assaulting three Mexican aliens, will apparently face a new grand jury hearing, possibly tomorrow.

County grand jury indictments on 14 charges were nullified last week by a Pima County Superior Court judge,

who took the controversial case after two other judges refused to hear it.

Judge J. Richard Hannah granted a motion by defense attorney Wes Polley for a new hearing of probable cause on the ground that the interpreter for the hearing was unauthorized.

Yesterday, Stan Patchell,

an assistant state attorney general, was here to review the case with the County Attorney's Office. Both he and the office refused to say what steps would be taken.

But a source close to the investigation confirmed that the Hanigans would face the county grand jury, with the hearing tentatively scheduled tomorrow.

Last week's ruling had meant either a new grand jury hearing or a preliminary hearing for Hanigan and his sons, Patrick and Thomas.

After the first grand jury hearing in August they were indicted on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, kidnaping, robbery and related conspiracy charges.

Hanigan, owner of the majority of Dairy Queen franchises in Southern Arizona, lives with his sons on a ranch west of Douglas.