

Judge sets trial in Greitens case

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis judge has set a May trial date over the objection of prosecutors in the felony invasion of privacy case against Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens.

Greitens was indicted by a grand jury last week on one felony count of invasion of privacy. The indictment alleges that the Republican took a compromising photo of a woman without her consent while they had an affair in March 2015.

Prosecutors say they needed until November to prepare for trial because the criminal investigation had been rushed to beat a three-year statute of limitations.

Assistant Circuit Attorney Robert Steele also sparred with Greitens' attorney, Edward L. Dowd Jr., over the existence of the photograph that spurred the charges. Dowd says prosecutors told him the photo didn't exist, but Steele says he'd only told Dowd that prosecutors didn't yet have the photo.

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