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Judge says "It's about time," to Rove Arresters

The four Iowans arrested last Friday for attempting to make a citizen's arrest of Karl Rove (http://groups.google.com/group/National-CW-E-mail-List/browse_thread/thread/d00f2120b2f8909d?hl=en) entered pleas of "not guilty" in court on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. Retired Methodist minister, Chet Guinn, 80, and Des Moines Catholic Workers, Ed Bloomer, 61, Mona Shaw 57, and Kirk Brown, 25, were arrested at a Des Moines country club where Rove was appearing at a Republican Fundraiser.

Shaw was the first called before Polk County Fifth Judicial District Associate Judge William Price. After entering her plea, the judge asked Shaw, "Mamn, what were you doing at the Wakonda Country Club?"

"I was attempting to make a citizen's arrest of Karl Rove, your honor," Shaw answered.

"Well," the judge looked up and said, "it's about time."

Then the judge called the other three defendants to the bench and accepted their pleas simultaneously. A jury trial for has been set for August 20, 2008.

Previous reports that the arrest was "pre-arranged" by either the defendants or the Des Moines Police are inaccurate.