

Alleged perpetrators' attempted murder cases continue April 22

By ROBERT PIERCE • Daily Leader A father and son arrested March 29 for allegedly beating a man will have their cases continued later this month.

Alexander Avila-Ortiz, 20, appeared Monday in Seward County District Court for a scheduling, while arrangements were made for his father, Eliseo Avila, to have both their cases heard at 1:30 p.m. April 22.

The two were arrested last Monday night after allegedly beating Anthony Martinez Jr., 20, during an altercation in the 100 block of West Hickory in Liberal.

According to a statement from Liberal Police Capt. Patrick McClurg, both father and son, "beat the man with an object causing severe head injuries." McClurg added "The man was later transferred to Wichita with life threatening injuries."

When arrested, both father and son were charged with attempted murder, but Seward County District Attorney Don Scott told other media outlets that if Martinez died, the charges would be changed to second degree murder.

At 9:40 a.m. today, a spokesman for Wesley Medical Center in Wichita said Martinez's condition was officially listed as "mass critical."

Martinez is not to be confused with Liberal's Anthony C. Martinez, who is the son of Tony and Linda Martinez, and is not involved in the alleged beating.