Illegal Surgery Case Delayed

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A lawyer said Tuesday he's trying to negotiate a plea deal for a New York woman facing felony charges in Las Vegas after being accused of performing illegal eyelift surgeries. Defense attorney James Gallo, representing Jing Qu, made his comments while awaiting a brief appearance before Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Melanie Andress-Tobiasson. The judge postponed an evidence hearing in the case until March 26.
Gallo told *The Associated Press* that Qu is a physician from China and has performed more than 20,000 medical procedures. However, records show she is not licensed as a doctor in Nevada. Qu was arrested in November on two felony charges of practicing medicine without a license and a burglary charge. Las Vegas police said a resident in a community southwest of the Las Vegas Strip complained about cars blocking his driveway and officers found people in a neighboring house wearing medical scrubs.

Police said the 38-year-old homeowner, who was found with a bandage over her right eye, told officers she paid $1,000 for an eyelift procedure. The burglary charge derives from Nevada law making it a felony to enter a building to commit a crime. The case drew comparisons with an illegal buttocks enhancement surgery in a back room of a Las Vegas tile store that left a 42-year-old woman dead last April.

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