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In the same makeshift courtroom at Kings County Psychiatric Center where last October he heard himself pronounced fit to stand trial for murder, David R. Berkowitz listened attentively yesterday as a second competency hearing got under way.

The three-hour session was closed to the public and the press. Only the first witness, Dr. Daniel W. Schwartz, chief of forensic psychiatry at the Kings County facility, testified before the hearing was adjourned by the presiding judge, Justice Joseph R. Corso of State Supreme Court.

Justice Corso explained later that he had wanted time to transcribe a new taped interview made yesterday morning with Mr. Berkowitz, who is accused of being the "Son of Sam" killer.

Interview Comes as a Surprise

The interview came as a surprise to Justice Corso, Mr. Berkowitz's lawyers, Leon Stern and Ira Jultak, and the District Attorney, Eugene Gold. Asked later whether the last-minute interview had any significance, Dr. Schwartz replied, "No comment."

At the first competency hearing, Dr. Schwartz testified that Mr. Berkowitz was not competent to stand trial because, although he understood the charges against him, he could not assist in his own defense.

Since then, it was learned, the psychiatrist had reported that as a result of a decisive improvement in the alleged slayer's mental condition, Mr. Berkowitz could now assist in his own defense and was thus competent to stand trial.

Trial Could Start Tuesday

Justice Corso estimated yesterday that the hearing might continue through tomorrow. The trial of the 25-year-old former postal worker will probably start Tuesday, he said. Mr. Berkowitz is charged with murdering 20-year-old Stacy Moskowitz last July 31, and wounding her companion, Robert Violante.

Should the alleged .44-caliber killer again be ruled fit to stand trial, Justice Corso said yesterday he did not anticipate any problems in seating a jury.

Asked if Mr. Berkowitz could receive a fair trial in Brooklyn, where the assault on Miss Moskowitz and Mr. Violante occurred, Justice Corso replied: "Absolutely."

Scheduled to testify when Dr. Schwartz steps down from the witness stand tomorrow is his associate, Dr. Richard L. Weidenbacher Jr. He will be followed by Dr. Martin Lubin, the psychiatrist representing the defense counsel. The final witness is expected to be Dr. David Abrahamson, the psychiatrist engaged by District Attorney Gold.