

WILKES IS ON HIS OWN

Via chrisc, Judge Burns has severed the trials of Brent Wilkes and John Michael, on account of the health problems of the latter.

A judge Monday severed the trials of ex-defense contractor Brent Wilkes and banker John Michael, who are charged in connection with the corruption scandal that sent former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham to prison.

U.S. District Judge Larry Burns postponed Michael's trial indefinitely after attorney Raymond Granger said his client had been diagnosed with viral meningitis. Pretrial motions are scheduled