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Christ Circle Case Under Submission

Christ Circle was back in court this morning in response to action by the county that would prevent the controversial Boulder Creek private school from opening for the fall semester.

The county's request for a preliminary injunction was heard by visiting Judge Raymond Sherwin in Superior Court. Sherwin heard arguments and took the matter under submission. He is expected to give his ruling on the case Friday.

Assistant County Counsel Dwight Herr said the county is contending that Christ Circle not be allowed to resume the operation of its boarding school without a use permit. The school's previous permit was revoked by the Board of Supervisors in June.

Herr said that buildings had been constructed on the Christ Circle property without inspection, and that it would be difficult to

determine whether the buildings are safe at this point. He also cited a decision from the state Department of Health, requiring the Christ Circle school to be licensed by that agency.

Herr said that Christ Circle had a license as a foster home several years ago, but that the license had been revoked by the state.

Judge Sherwin also heard a group of parents of children in the Christ Circle school request that they be allowed to take over the boarding school's operation.

Herr contended that such a change of administration would not affect the school's need to be reviewed under existing permit procedures.

"Particularly with the history of this thing, we're not going to make an exception of this with the permit process," he said.