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The first person prosecuted in Australia for World War II crimes pleaded not guilty today to all five charges against him.

Ivan Polyukhovich, 76, is accused of murdering eight Jews and of being involved in the execution of 850 others in 1942 near the village of Serniki in Nazi-occupied Ukraine.

Polyukhovich, who migrated to Australia after the war, pleaded not guilty to each charge during a brief arraignment hearing in South Australian state Supreme Court.

No date has been set for his trial.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

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