

LAWMEN SNUB ALLEGED \$10,000 BRIBE

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Millionaire Cools His Heels

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A young San Francisco millionaire who allegedly beat up the ex-wife of a nationally-known convicted panderer yesterday was lodged in the county jail after he reportedly attempted to bribe two sheriff's detectives.

Sheriff Ralph Lamb said that William E. Thoresen III, 30, son of a Chicago steel company tycoon, was jailed after he tried to buy off Dets. Al Pipkins and Ralph Orduno with \$10,000.

The alleged bribery attempt was made after the two detectives arrested him for reportedly beating up Joan Jelke, 31, at a Strip hotel early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Jelke, Lamb said, was admitted to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital and apparently is suffering from two black eyes and a broken nose.

She, according to the sheriff, is silent

concerning events surrounding Thoresen's alleged attack, other than he invited her to his room for a drink and then attacked her.

Mrs. Jelke, who resides at 770 Mark St., reportedly is divorced from Mickey Jelke, 38, a son of an oleomargarine manufacturer.

Jelke grabbed headlines in the mid-

1950s when he was tried in New York for his connections with a call girl racket and was convicted of pandering.

Lamb recalled that Jelke, an off and on visitor here, was lodged in the county jail here in 1965 for failing to register as an ex-convict.

Thoresen, too, is no stranger, Lamb recalled and noted that the millionaire last spring was questioned by federal authorities in connection with the large cache of arms found in his San Francisco mansion.

The federal authorities found that Thoresen's \$200,000 mansion main furnishings consisted of 29 tons of assorted arms, including anti tank guns, a mortar, as well as a variety of ammunition.

"It was the biggest seizure of this kind in this part of the world," a federal official said.

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ficer reported at the time, pointing out that it took several Army trucks from the Presidio to haul away the guns.

When Thoresen was taken into custody yesterday he had \$13,900 in \$100-bills in his possession, as well as a brief case containing \$700,000 worth of paid up life insurance policies, Lamb reported.

The sheriff said that the alleged bribery attempt was made at the sheriff's office

after Thoresen was brought in for questioning in regard to the reported attack on Mrs. Jelke.

Lamb reported that he gave the two detectives the money "to get them to lay off." The \$10,000 he handed to the two lawmen has been booked into evidence.

In addition to the bribery charges, Thoresen also is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm.