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## MRS. THORESEN SEEKING MONEY

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—Louise Thoresen asked U.S. District Court to lift a tax lien on her millionaire husband's estate Tuesday, saying she needs money to defend herself on murder charges in his slaying.

The Internal Revenue Service has filed liens against the estate of William E. Thoresen III and is asking \$31,400 in taxes due on marijuana found in the Thoresen's Fresno home.

Mrs. Thoresen, 34, is accused of shooting him in the bedroom of their home June 10. She has pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity and faces trial Oct. 18.

The tax liens tie up the Thoresen estate, thought to be in excess of \$1 million, and about \$30,000 in jewelry.

Mrs. Thoresen asked Judge M. D. Crocker to enjoin tax officials from collecting or placing liens on the estate. She also claimed the marijuana found in the Thoresen home was not hers and she has "no knowledge of why or how it came into the house."

During an investigation following Thoresen's death, police said they found 19.5 pounds of marijuana and an estimated \$20,000 worth of weapons. Marijuana possession charges originally filed against Mrs. Thoresen have been dropped.