

Thoresen Gets 6 Months in Jail

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Thoresen's conviction was based upon the theft of some travel papers in Maine, and then dealing in munitions as a convicted felon.

The pair remained free yesterday on bail as their lawyers announced they would appeal the sentences handed down by Federal Court Judge William N. Goodwin.

In pleading for his client before sentencing, William Flynn let slip what might be the gun czar's biggest complaint.

"He is no longer a wealthy man," Flynn said of Thoresen, whose wealth — and no one knows how much it is — is inherited.

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Indeed, the loss of his gun collection, plus lawyers fees — and dozens of them have been involved in Thoresen's defense — have cost him "somewhere in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars," Flynn declared.

Judge Goodwin said he was aware of Thoresen's financial loss, but added the case "has been very expensive as

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In passing sentence Goodwin characterized the 32-year-old Thoresen — who now insists he's collecting only Lionel model toy trains — this way:

"Mr. Thoresen has a tendency to want to make his own rules."

Before court, Thoresen talked somewhat more freely than has been his wont the last two years.

Allowing he was just back from London, Goodwin added he had just played off a Fu Manchu moustache.

"If Joe Namath can grow one, I guess I can, can't I?" he asked.

The rambling Pacific Heights mansion will go on the block, he said, though he declined to set a selling price.