

SEATTLE 7 IN PRISON DESPITE BAIL RULING

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TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 25 (UPI)—The Seattle 7 conspiracy defendants spent Christmas Day in jail in five defferent West Coast prisons, despite an appeals court ruling that they be freed on bail.

Defense attorneys for them said that they had received copies of the order from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco, but that Federal Judge George H. Boldt, who ordered the seven held without bail, was "nowhere to be found."

Judge Boldt, who sentenced the defendants to serve sentences of up to a year, for contempt, must formally set the amount of bail.

Meanwhile, the Tacoma Police Chief, Lyle Smith, said the appellate court's ruling ordering bail "will lower respect for the courts in this nation." He said, "Unless there is respect for the courts, there can be no law and order."

Chief Smith wrote a letter to the Appeals Court, saying that the decision had been made by the court "without having all the facts before it."

The Tacoma police were needed at the Federal Building a number of times during the trial to deal with protest groups supporting the defendants, who were charged with conspiring to damage the United States Courthouse in Seattle during a Feb. 17 demonstration.