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Hughes' Counsel Challenges Court

RENO (UPI) — Attorneys for billionaire Howard Hughes yesterday challenged the power of a U.S. District Court to force him out of hiding to answer charges of stock manipulation and conspiracy.

With Hughes apparently living in the Bahamas but facing possible arrest and extradition if he fails to appear in court Friday, attorneys moved for dismissal of charges and challenged the court's jurisdiction in a case involving Hughes' purchase of Airwest Airlines.

They argued that proceedings must be halted until the court rules on the jurisdiction question.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Thompson was expected to rule on that motion and a motion to dismiss the case Friday, the day set for Hughes' arraignment.

Hughes has been named in a nine-count indictment alleging a conspiracy to pressure directors of Airwest, now Hughes Airwest, into selling by forcing down the value of company stock.



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