

Deal Refused in 'Hughes Will' Case

Las Vegas

Nevada authorities have refused to give Melvin Dummar immunity in return for his story of what really happened in the production of the so-called Mormon will of Howard Hughes.

George Holt, Clark county district attorney at Las Vegas, where the will has been offered for probate, has even refused to promise that he will not have Dummar arrested if he comes into Nevada to testify about the purported will.

In the face of this and the flat refusal of Nevada Attorney General Robert List to offer immunity in return for the testimony, Dummar will not keep a court date in Las Vegas tomorrow, according to his attorney, Roger Dutson, of Ogden, Utah, where Dummar lives and works as a manual laborer.

The court appearance was the plan of Harold Rhoden, a Los Angeles lawyer who represents Noah Dietrich, the former aide to Hughes. Dietrich, 87 years old, is named as executor of the purported will.

Dummar's difficulties stem from a deposition he gave saying he had never seen nor handled the Mormon will. The FBI later found Dummar's thumbprint on the envelope which contained the will, and he has since given a new deposition saying that what he testified to was not true.

District Attorney Holt said he had told Judge Keith Hayes that he would oppose immunity.

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