

Richard Beban, who at 24 is the youngest grand juror in state history, was sentenced to jail yesterday by Marin County Superior Judge E. Warren McGuire.

McGuire told Beban to either turn over certain Marin grand jury records to foreman Milan Dempster or go to jail.

Beban refused to turn over the records, a grand jury agenda and a preliminary report on a grand jury investigation of an alleged quota system in the Sausalito police department.

Judge McGuire then gave Beban until 5 p.m. next Wednesday to either appeal the contempt of court sentence, turn over the records or go to jail.

Beban got into trouble with the grand jury last fall when he announced in a Berkeley news conference that he might not maintain the traditional grand jury secrecy.

He said he might consider the public's right to know things more important than jury secrecy. This spring, when the Marin grand jury

report on the quota system was leaked to the press, Beban was blamed after he alone among the jurors refused to produce his copies of the report and agenda.

Subsequently, the attorney general's office investigated and Dempster had a grand jury subpoena issued in an effort to get Beban to turn over the records. Beban's attorney, Carl Shapiro, said that he believed that one reason the grand jury wanted the records back was so that they could be dusted for fingerprints in an effort to

find out more about the leak.

The grand jury is scheduled to expire in June when a new jury will be empaneled. Today a suit filed by a Sausalito patrolman against the grand jury will be heard in Marin Superior Court, a suit that challenges

the fact that the Marin grand jury recommended the firing of Sausalito's chief of police, James Wright.