

# Hughes 'Son' Asks Will Be Ruled Out

## Las Vegas

A man who claims to be the illegitimate son of the late Howard Hughes has asked that a purported Hughes will naming him the sole beneficiary be withdrawn from probate.

Richard Robart Hughes, also known as Michael Brown, made the request in a letter received Thursday by Clark county Clerk Loretta Bowman.

The will was one of more than 30 wills that have been given to Bowman. It was delivered by a man identified as Grover Walker, who said he was a former aide to the recluse billionaire who died last spring.

Walker said he was working for Hughes' illegitimate son.

Walker claimed that Hughes hid the fact that he had a son, but finally decided in his waning years to admit he had a child.

The reputed son, being sought by authorities for allegedly bilking a couple of \$15,000, is believed to have fled to Mexico.

However, the letter received here was postmarked from Albuquerque, N.M.

In the letter to Bowman, Brown said he believes the will filed on his behalf is authentic, but that he no longer has money to pursue the matter.

He also said threats on his life have prevented him from appearing in court to clear himself of fraud charges.

"This in no way should be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing on my part, nor should it be construed that this will is not in all respects genuine," Brown wrote.

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