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Court Lets Dummar Go After 4-Day Quiz on Hughes Will

Las Vegas

Melvin Dummar was allowed to leave Nevada a free man yesterday following four days of questioning by attorneys during which he steadfastly stuck by a story of finding at his Utah gas station Howard Hughes' purported "Mormon will" that left him millions of dollars.

Before Clark County District Judge Keith Hayes adjourned the probate hearing, Dummar received a stern warning from Nevada Deputy Attorney General D. G. Menchetti, who was the last to question the 31-year-old Ogden, Utah, man.

"If in the search for truth we find a crime we are going to prosecute," Menchetti warned.

Dummar, who was granted immunity from arrest to testify here, was then allowed to leave the courtroom and return to his home pending further investigation in the case.

At one point during the hearing, Hayes called Dummar a "liar" and said he was "going to have a piece of your hide" if Dummar failed to tell the truth. At another point, Dummar, his face flushed, professed to be a devout Mormon who "fears the wrath" of God too much to lie.

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