

Hunt Moved --Fight With His Cellmate

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Imprisoned Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt was transferred to the suburban Arlington county (Va.) jail yesterday following a late night altercation Sunday with a District of Columbia jail cellmate whom Hunt accused of trying to steal his personal effects.

Hunt woke up late Sunday night to find a newly acquired cellmate "rifling through his personal papers and taking his clothes," according to Hunt's attorney, William O. Bittman.

The cellmate had been moved into the cell by jail officials "in the middle of the night," Bittman said. "... he was attempting to steal Mr. Hunt's personal property. There was an altercation." No one was seriously injured, he said.

Bittman said he requested Hunt's transfer the next day and Hunt was moved immediately across the Potomac river to Arlington.

Bittman said the cellmate did not know Hunt personally and is not associated with Watergate. Jail officials said they do not know what motivated the cellmate's actions.

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