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Shelton, Klan Leader, Goes to Prison for Contempt

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 14 (AP)—Robert M. Shelton Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, was on the way by auto today for Texarkana, Tex., to serve a one-year prison sentence for contempt of Congress.

Shelton, 38 years old, surrendered to Federal marshals in Birmingham and began the 500-mile trip after marshals processed paperwork concerning his surrender.

He declared that he would continue to run the Klan from his prison cell but complained that "there seems to be one law for Robert Shelton and another for anarchists and black militants."

The former tire salesman was convicted of contempt of Congress in 1966 for refusing to turn over certain membership records to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Supreme Court denied an appeal several weeks ago.

Shelton said Federal courts had upheld the rights of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to keep its membership roles secret and suggested that the Klan should have the same right.

The Klan leader said his



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Handcuffed, Robert M. Shelton Jr. leaves the Federal Building in Birmingham, Ala. He is escorted by a U.S. marshal.

group had made financial records available to Internal Revenue Service agents but

did not believe it should be forced to make membership records public.