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Mill Valley man wins dismissal in Sausalito burglary case

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A Mill Valley man accused of trying to break into homes in Sausalito was released from jail this week after a judge tossed out a felony charge.

Noah Dibble, 37, was arrested Oct. 19 after a witness reported seeing him trying to open the doors of several residences in the 500 block of Bridgeway, police said. Sausalito police booked him into the county jail with bail set at \$50,000.

The district attorney's office charged Dibble with attempted burglary -- a felony that carries up to three years in state prison -- and three misdemeanor counts of prowling. He pleaded not guilty.

During a preliminary examination of the evidence Wednesday afternoon, Judge Terrence Boren dismissed the burglary count but let the prowling charges stand.

According to Dibble's lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Michael Coffino, Dibble thought he had won a Sausalito home in a Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes, but did not know the precise address.

When he was observed by the witness, Dibble was entering numbers into the security panels of various homes in an effort to find out which residence was his, Coffino said.

"Mr. Dibble has a longstanding diagnosis of delusional thinking and his actions were in no way criminal," Coffino said.

Dibble was ordered to return to court next Wednesday for further hearings on the prowling charges, said Deputy District Attorney Murat Ozgur.

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