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## Recall candidate jailed for contempt

A Monterey County man who has waged a one-man assault on the local court system was jailed for eight hours Friday after a judge held him in contempt for arguing in the courtroom.

Gene Forte, who operates the AttorneyBusters.com Web site to break up what he calls "the good old boys club" in Monterey County's judicial system, was found in contempt by Judge William O'Farrell. O'Farrell was presiding over a hearing in a civil dispute between Forte and several Monterey attorneys who once represented Forte in another dispute.

Witnesses said O'Farrell's action followed a heated exchange of words between the judge and Forte, who was representing himself in the Monterey courtroom.

Forte was also one of the 146 candidates on the gubernatorial recall ballot in October, finishing next to last with 235 votes.

Forte contends that Monterey County judges, prosecutors and attorneys routinely condone perjury and hide documents in a conspiracy to protect one another.

His Web site details his contentions that a massive cover up among judges and attorneys, whom he refers to as "rats on a skewer" and "dirt bags."

Forte said his landslide defeat in the recall election was proof that "the media propaganda machine (is) calming down the sheep as they are led to the slaughtering pen."

