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# Jordan Freed After Posting Reduced Bail

## Move Opposed by DA; Student May Return to Classes

Samuel R. Jordan, Franklin and Marshall College student facing bomb and gun charges, was released from Lancaster County Prison Monday night to await a hearing after he posted a reduced bail of \$17,000.

Jordan's status as a student was unchanged and he was eligible to return to classes, according to Keith Spalding, president of F&M.

The bail was reduced from \$32,000 to \$17,000 by the Lancaster County court after a conference among attorneys on both sides in the judges' chambers.

### DA OBJECTS

District Attorney Clarence Newcomer said the reduction in bail was made "over my vigorous objections." Jordan was represented by attorneys Menno B. Rohrer of Lancaster and Harry Lore of Philadelphia.

The next step in the case will be a preliminary hearing to be conducted by Alderman John K. Shenk. The date for a hearing will be set within a few days, Shenk said.

Judge William G. Johnstone Jr., who signed the order reducing the bail, said the reduction was made "after presentation of certain facts on behalf of the petitioner by his counsel, and after a statement by the district attorney."

### ALSO CONSIDERS

Johnstone said the court also considered the seriousness of the charges and the fact that Jordan is a non-resident of Pennsylvania.

Jordan, 20, of Washington, D.C., posted \$10,000 bail on a charge of carrying explosives; \$5,000 for possession of explosives; \$1,000 for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and \$1,000 for violating the Uniform Firearms Act.

Bail on the charge of carrying explosives was reduced from \$25,000. Bail on the other charges was unchanged.

Jordan was apprehended at about 3 a.m. Friday at Lime and Howard Sts., by city police who said the suspect was holding a Molotov cocktail in one hand

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and a loaded .38-caliber pistol in a pocket of his topcoat.

He was arrested shortly before the automatic alarm sounded after three fire bombs were tossed through a window in the Selective Service office.

The text of Spalding's statement follows:

"I have been asked about the status at the college of Sam Jordan. The college has firm precedents, arrived at through careful consultation and the very best of legal advice, on which to base its action.

"The charges laid against Mr. Jordan were brought by civil authorities and his case is in the hands of the civil authorities and the courts.

"Until his case has been heard and the courts have acted under procedures firmly established in law, it would be inappropriate for the college to pre-judge his case or otherwise to intrude in the course of justice.

"His release on bail does not remove him from the jurisdiction of the civil authorities and place that jurisdiction with the college.

"Until the courts have duly acted, he is to be permitted to occupy his dormitory room, attend classes, take examinations and otherwise participate in the normal activities of the college.

"It is being made clear to him that the behavior expected of him with respect to all college regulations now is the same as that expected of all other students."