

Catch Bob Thomas And Get His Books In Raid at Hotel

Writ From Night Court Gets Him Out, Finally, From Two Dallas Jails

A short time after Bob Thomas, former big shot bootlegger had been arrested by city police at the Plaza Hotel, Commerce and Jefferson, diagonally across the street from the old courthouse, he was freed Wednesday night on a writ of habeas corpus and a misdemeanor bond.

Police Capt. E. V. Bunch headed several squads of police in the raid on the hotel in which Thomas and another man were jailed. Captain Bunch seized documentary evidence such as lists of names, check stubs and similar items, he said.

Thomas was only maintaining offices in the hotel and there was no whisky about the hotel premises, Captain Bunch said.

The writ for release of Thomas was obtained by Edie Roark who appeared before Judge Noland G. Williams in chambers of Criminal District Court No. 2 while court was waiting for the verdict in the trial of Raymond Hamilton on a robbery charge. Judge Williams talked with policy by telephone and granted the writ and set his bond at \$500.

Police on learning the writ had been issued immediately notified county officers and Thomas was transferred to county jail on a warrant issued some time ago charging him with carrying a pistol.

Mr. Roark provided an additional bond of \$500 on this charge and Thomas finally was released.