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## Aspen cop grilled by Thompson lawyer

# Thompson's lawyers go on shark hunt

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Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson's pretrial hearing on a misdemeanor charge Thursday turned into the inquisition of his arresting officer.

Legal bombshells dropped throughout the day as Thompson's attorneys played police dispatch tapes from the night of his arrest on an alcohol-related driving charge and brought forth a surprise witness who went against direct testimony by Aspen Police Officer Dan Glidden.

Thompson attorney Gerald Goldstein caught Glidden in a number of seemingly contradictory statements, at one point asking the six-year Aspen police veteran if he thought the word "perjury" had much significance.

Police dispatch tapes also revealed a number of conversations between officers about Thompson, including one in which Glidden's supervisor said to "check the traffic" in an area that the journalist was believed to be traveling.