

Judge reverses ruling on Wikileaks

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SAN FRANCISCO - The federal judge in San Francisco who shut down the Wikileaks Web site for posting Swiss bank documents reversed his ruling Friday. U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White dissolved the injunction he imposed Feb. 15 and refused to extend a restraining order that required Wikileaks and its server to remove documents from Julius Baer & Co., the San Francisco Chronicle reported. The documents showed alleged moving of money into offshore accounts to dodge taxes. White suggested that the injunction, even if it was legal, could not recall documents "fully out in the public domain." He said restraining Wikileaks might be unconstitutional and his court might not have jurisdiction because there was no evidence the site's creators are in the United States. The judge's earlier shutdown was criticized by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups.

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