

Blogger released from prison

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SAN FRANCISCO - A California blogger has been released after serving more than seven months in prison for refusing to hand over a video to a federal grand jury.

Josh Wolf, 24, struck a deal with prosecutors allowing him to publish out-takes of the video of a 2005 San Francisco street demonstration on his Web site, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The U.S. attorney wanted the video as part of an investigation into the wounding of a police officer.

Wolf had insisted that the video did not contain anything that would be relevant to the investigation. He also said he had a constitutional right as a journalist not to cooperate with authorities.

Several media advocacy groups, including the Committee to Protect Journalists, called for his release, while prosecutors argued Wolf was not a journalist.

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