

Accused spammer jailed until trial

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SEATTLE - A federal judge in Seattle has denied bail to a man accused of sending millions of illegal "spam" e-mails.

Robert Soloway is charged with violating the federal CAN-SPAM Act of 2004 by sending e-mail with fake headers, and with cheating businesses who hired him as a consultant by sending out spam under their names.

At a hearing Wednesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathryn Warma argued that Soloway, if free, could use his technical expertise to intimidate witnesses via the Internet. She said investigators are unsure how much money he has.

Soloway's lawyer, Richard Troberman, said his client is not a man of great wealth.

"He is cash-poor," Troberman said. "What he owns is a lot of clothes."

U.S. Magistrate James Donohoe, ordering Soloway held pending trial, also noted that Soloway holds dual U.S.-Swedish citizenship.

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