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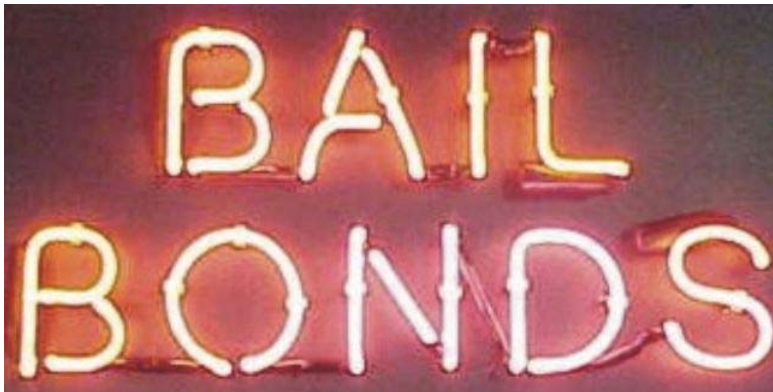
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Bail firms sue sheriff to end “guerilla marketing” in OC jail

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Three bail

bonds firms are seeking a federal court order to stop competitors from soliciting business outside the **Orange County Jail**.

The request also asks that Sheriff **Sandra Hutchens** be forced to wait 24 hours before putting the names of new inmates on the Internet; and seeks an order forcing Hutchens to better screen bondsman who visit inmates to make sure they were sent by family or friends.

Attorney **Richard Herman**, who filed the suit on behalf of **Don Mehr**, **Bob Drake** and **Robert Miller**, said the legal effort was intended to end what he called “guerilla marketing” inside and outside the jail by bail firms, in violation of state law.

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