

# Judge: Accused stalker is a threat

## Bond denied; lawyer wants venue change

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Bond was denied Friday for a man accused of threatening the life of Jerry Falwell Jr. and sending threatening e-mails to a reporter for The News & Advance.



Mills

Judge Thomas Firth refused to set a bond in Lynchburg General District Court for Berkley Carter Mills, 56, of the 600 block of Reusens Road, saying he believed

the man was a threat to himself and others.

Mills was arrested last month on the charge of making threats of death or bodily injury by letter against Falwell via The News & Advance's online comments. He was out on a \$10,000 bond when he was arrested again on charges of stalking and making threats of death or bodily injury by letter to The News & Advance reporter Chris Dumond.

Mills' attorney James DeVita said that his client's comments did not constitute making a direct threat against either man and can be taken as political commentary.

He said Mills is disabled from a back injury and that he has specific medical needs that can't be addressed in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Chuck Felmler told the court that while Mills was out on