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## Ark. Judge: Juror 'tweets' don't warrant new trial

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An Arkansas judge has decided that a juror's postings to Twitter.com during a civil trial won't affect a \$12.6 million judgment in the case.

Lawyers say Washington County Circuit Judge Mark Lindsay on Friday dismissed an attempt to overturn a judgment against Russell Wright and Stoam Holdings, a building materials company. While Lindsay said the posts by juror Johnathan Powell were in bad taste, the messages didn't amount to improper conduct.

During his jury service in February, Powell sent eight messages - or "tweets" - to the Web site, using his cell phone. One warned: "oh and nobody buy Stoam. Its bad mojo and they'll probably cease to Exist, now that their wallet is 12m lighter."

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