UMass police prevent protesters from blocking a bus carrying 11 arrested students to Hampshire District Court Friday, after occupation of an office in Whitmore Administration Building.

Day of protest includes rally against CIA, mock 'trial' condemning Chancellor Duffey

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"Guilty as hell" was the verdict a group of about 30 protesters gave Chancellor Joseph D. Duffey Friday afternoon outside his office for allowing the Central Intelligence Agency to recruit on campus.

The "verdict" came during a mock trial that was part of a day of protest, responding to the presence of a CIA recruiter on campus and the arrest of 11 protesters who took over an office.

Chelsea Taylor, one of the protesters, played the chancellor in an in absentia trial in which the chancellor was sentenced to community work at the Radical Student Union office.

After the "trial," some of the protesters remained sitting outside the chancellor's office hoping he would speak to them, while others went outside to urge students to join them in protesting the CIA's presence on campus.

One protester said later that Vice Chancellor Dennis L. Madson agreed to meet with them tomorrow to "discuss our grievances." Madson was unavailable for confirmation.

Thursday night, a CIA recruiter was prevented from entering University Career Center because of an anti-CIA protest. The director of the Placement Service, Arthur Hilson, said the recruiter would return to give interviews Friday.

At a rally outside the Student Union Building Friday afternoon, Debi Cohen, an RSU member, said the administration does not care about the CIA helping terrorists in Nicaragua. CIA recruitment does not follow UMass' affirmative action policy, she added.

Todd Little, another protester, said, "What we need to talk about is what as a community we can do to stop the CIA."

Commuter Area Government Treasurer Russell Wallach questioned their position, asking, "Why can't anyone be interviewed by the CIA?"

Little, in response, said, "Then you guys go to the administration and get arrested for what you believe in." To that, Wallach replied, "Good, all of you should be arrested."