Demonstrators incarcerated in Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD — Handcuffed and chanting anti-CIA slogans, 24 demonstrators protesting CIA recruitment were arrested by Springfield police and carried onto buses outside the Federal Building yesterday.

Springfield Police Department Captain Robert Donovan said the protesters were arrested and charged with trespassing and obstructing access to a public building. The demonstrators would be arraigned in groups from Tuesday through Thursday according to a District Court clerk.

Amy Carter, daughter of former president Jimmy Carter, attended the protest but did not participate in the civil disobedience and would not comment on the protest to the press, saying, "It's not my protest. It's not my protest, there are people who know more about this than I do."

Carter was arrested last November 26 by University of Massachusetts police for disorderly conduct while protesting on-campus recruitment for students by the CIA. 300 students had occupied Munson Hall that day at about 1 p.m. and remained there until 7 p.m., when the police arrested 60.

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