

## **Stalker suspect loves Uma Thurman**

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An accused stalker told cops he fell in love with sexy actress Uma Thurman after "our eyes connected" while he watched one of her movies.

"I could see she was making contact with me," Jackson Jordan, 37, told police in a statement. "Over the years my attraction to her grew."

Jordan, who pleaded not guilty yesterday to stalking Thurman, claimed he came to New York to be with the "Pulp Fiction" actress, but was rebuffed when he tried to see her on a movie set. "We are meant to be together," Jordan said. "She is a wonderful person."

A Manhattan judge refused to lower Jackson's \$10,000 bail and sent him back to jail where he has been since his arrest last month.

The former California graduate student was arrested outside Thurman's home in Manhattan after he drove cross-country and started living in his car parked on her block. He once tried to get into her trailer on a movie set in 2005 and showered her and her family with e-mails professing his devotion.

"Years ago, I saw Uma Thurman in a movie and our eyes connected," he said.

Jordan faces charges of harassment, stalking and felony coercion, a count that stems from his threat to kill himself if he spotted her with another man.

"[Jordan] has a longstanding fixation with this celebrity," said Assistant District Attorney Chris Hill. A defense lawyer branded the coercion charge "a stretch," and said Jordan was being treated harshly because Thurman is famous.

"Mr. Jordan should not be prosecuted to a higher degree because the victim is a public figure," lawyer George Vomvolakis said.

Jordan, who has a degree in English literature from the prestigious University of Chicago, hesitated and looked a bit befuddled when asked to enter a plea.

"I plead guilty. I mean, I plead not guilty," he told Judge Lewis Bart Stone.