

# 'Trailside' hearing underway

Two witnesses took the stand Monday in the first day of hearings in the preliminary examination of the trailside killer case being held in Santa Cruz Municipal Court.

Judge William Kelsay is presiding over the hearing which is being conducted behind closed doors to determine if there is enough evidence to bind trailside suspect David Joseph Carpenter over for trial on two murder and one attempted murder charges in Santa Cruz

County.

The hearings will also determine whether the 51-year-old convicted sex offender should be charged with special allegations that could bring him the death penalty in a trial jury finds him guilty of them.

One of the witnesses from Monday's hearing was recalled Tuesday for further testimony, a person close to the investigation said. Because of a gag

order imposed on the case, that person asked not to be identified.

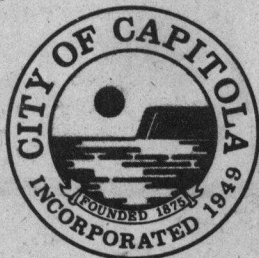
Carpenter is accused in Santa Cruz County of killing Ellen Marie Hansen and of trying to murder her companion, Steven Haertle, March 29 on a popular hiking trail in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. He is also charged with the death of Heather Scaggs, whose body was found in Big Basin May 24.

Besides the Santa Cruz County charges, Carpenter faces five major counts and 13 special allegations in Marin County where the so-called trailside killings allegedly began.

While the preliminary examination is being conducted behind locked doors at the request of defense attorneys, the murder suspect was seen writing notes on a legal pad as District Attorney Art Danner spoke to the court.

Carpenter has changed his appearance somewhat since his arrest by growing his hair and beard and sporting glasses.

The hearing is expected to last two weeks.



## AGENDA CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1981 — 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 1981.
4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS  
Items not on the Regular Agenda may be presented to the council at this time. The item will either be assigned to the appropriate category within the agenda or discussed at this time with a five minute limit.
  - A. Proclamation of the Mayor proclaiming Wednesday, October 7, 1981, as National Guard Day in the City of Capitola.
  - B. Proclamation of the Mayor proclaiming Saturday, October 10, 1981, as Asbestos Victims of America

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