

## Second witness tells of her role in killings

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SANTA CRUZ — The second of two key witnesses in the Royal Kenneth Hayes murder trial took the stand Monday and described her descent into a maelstrom of drugs, degradation and killing.

Debbie Chichiletti Garcia, 30, cried as she testified she was beaten, abused and humiliated by a drug-crazed Hayes. She said he lent her to a business associate who performed "degrading sex acts" on her, and that several times Hayes forced her to "apologize convict-style," begging on her knees for her life and the lives of her family. She was constantly threatened with torture and death, she said, and is still convinced Hayes can carry out those threats.

And she watched, she said, as Hayes shot Donald MacVicar and Lauren deLaet in the head and hacked the heads and hands from the bodies. She helped Hayes and another woman bury them in the holes he had ordered Garcia to dig a few days before on the UCSC campus so he could "bury some packages."

Garcia wept throughout her testimony, twisting a handkerchief in her hands as she told her tale. Her voice quavered and she avoided looking at Hayes.

Assistant District Attorney Madeleine Boriss finished her direct examination of Garcia by 4 p.m. Public Defender Jon Minsloff began his cross examination this morning.

Hayes, who twice before has been arrested for murder but has never been convicted, is charged with killing deLaet, 36, and her companion, MacVicar, 32, Dec. 29, 1981 and stealing the \$250,000 they had given him to buy cocaine. He is also charged with assaulting Garcia and holding her prisoner in the Holiday Inn here in March 1982.

If the four-woman, eight-man jury con-

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victs him and finds the special allegation of double murder to be true, Hayes could be sentenced to death.

Garcia is the second ex-lover of Hayes to testify. Both she and Diane Susan "Annie" Weller, 33, have been granted immunity.

Like Weller, "B.B." Garcia said she and Hayes began a sexual relationship soon after they met in Hawaii in late 1979. Two months later, Hayes ended the relationship, as Weller testified he had done with her.

But he exerted and retained almost total control of her actions, Garcia testified, and to some extent he controlled her thoughts as well. He beat, abused, and threatened her and her family with torture and death.

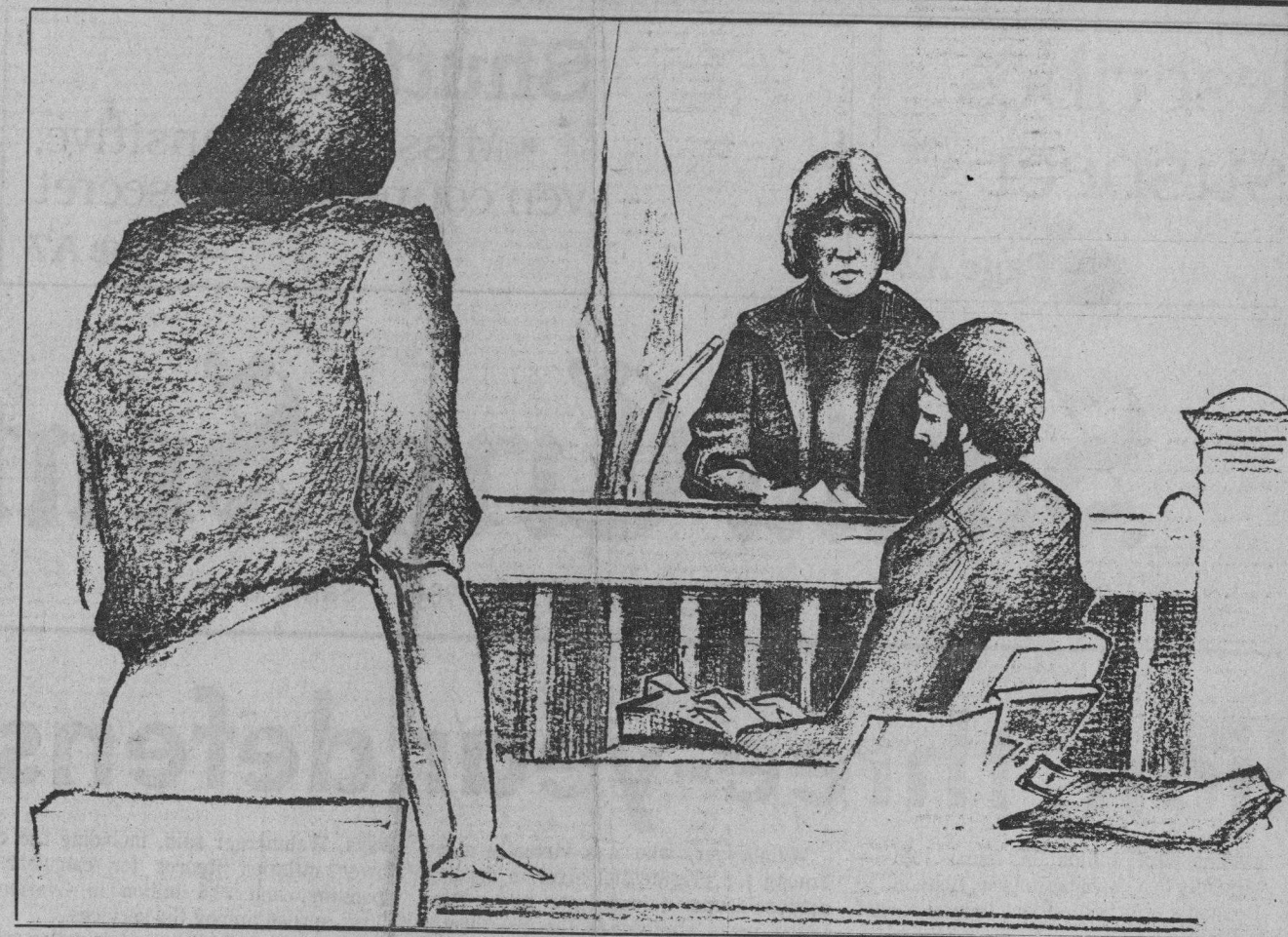
Garcia and Weller both had operations which sterilized them, and which Hayes paid for. Garcia had her breasts surgically enlarged. Weller also was planning on plastic surgery to her breasts, she had testified.

Hayes used cocaine continuously, Garcia testified Monday, often going through a quarter-ounce or more a day. (A casual cocaine user may ingest a half-gram to a gram over several hours. Hayes used 10 times that amount, according to her and Weller's testimony.)

Although Garcia denied on the stand she was addicted to alcohol or other drugs, Hayes told her repeatedly she was an alcoholic, an addict and a pathological liar. She came to believe him, she said.

He sent her to the mainland in 1981, ordering her to go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and to seek out a counselor. She flew here, carrying a package of guns with her, as Weller testified she too had done.

Garcia lived with her mother in Soquel, she testified, and Hayes checked on her frequently by telephone. She said she saw



Artists sketch of Debbie Chichiletti Garcia on the witness stand

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a man several times here who had followed her onto the plane in Hawaii.

She told him she had met an armored car driver while out dancing one night, she testified. Hayes ordered her to marry the man so he could rob the armored car. Garcia obeyed him, she testified.

Garcia is now married to another man, Boriss said outside court. She is living under a name other than Garcia in an undisclosed location.

In November 1982, Hayes ordered her to drive to Marin County. There, in a motel, she met MacVicar and deLaet.

In late December, Hayes called her and

ordered her to dig two holes in a "remote location," so he could "bury some packages." He also ordered her to buy two bags of quicklime, she said, which dissolves organic material. Garcia testified she did not know what quicklime was, and instead bought garden lime from Ebert's Garden Center.

She dug two holes in a wooded glade on campus, some three miles up Empire Grade Road. She said Hayes often buried drugs, guns and money in Hawaii, and she found nothing unusual in his order.

Dec. 29, she met Hayes, Weller, deLaet and MacVicar at Ferrell's doughnut shop

on Mission Street. They drove in one vehicle up Empire Grade Road where the victims thought they were going to meet the drug connection in a "shack," Garcia said.

She and Hayes went into the woods with a briefcase and a suitcase. He sent her back to the vehicle with orders to lead MacVicar into the woods. DeLaet had to go to the bathroom, she said, but was told to wait.

MacVicar was told to put his hands on a tree so Garcia could frisk him for weapons. While she was frisking him, she heard a loud pop, and MacVicar "just dropped to the ground like a rag doll," she said. She turned and saw Hayes holding a silenced pistol.

They carried MacVicar's body a short distance away, she said, and Hayes told her to bring deLaet. She brought her back, telling her there was a bathroom in the shack. While Garcia frisked her, Hayes shot her in the back of the head, Garcia testified.