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Demonstrators speak out Thursday at the courthouse steps.

✓ Demonstrations Marchers denounce verdict

Peaceful rally at courthouse

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SANTA CRUZ — Outrage and anger over the Rodney King beating case verdict continued here Thursday as more than 600 people gathered at the County Building to demand change in a government system they say is racist and has failed.

"Show your anger," Angela Davis told marchers at the march's start at UC Santa Cruz. "I am not going to ask you to be calm or ask you to value property more than human life. ... Express your rage loudly, not calmly — loudly."

Davis, known for her associations with the Black Panther and Communist parties, is a guest lecturer at UCSC.

The march from UCSC gathered strength as it closed down Mission Street and headed toward the County Government Center.

Although the demonstration was peaceful, the threat of violence was present in anti-police chants and threats from protesters, a small number of whom carried bricks or weapons.

Early Thursday morning, at least 200 UCSC students marched into downtown Santa Cruz, smashing windows at the police department and County Courthouse and attempting to burn cars, before they were taken back to campus in UCSC shuttle buses. (See story, Page A2.)

Outnumbered police did not make arrests during the early morning violence, but vowed to stop any

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