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Expert on stand at Bandler trial

The bullet that killed Corine Christensen would not have provided enough force itself to knock her off her chair, according to a criminologist who testified this morning in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

Lindberg Miller, an expert in criminal evidence, was called

back to the stand today by the attorney defending Richard Bandler against the charge of murdering Christensen. Attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach asked Miller about one detail brought out in Bandler's own testimony last week.

Bandler had said that Christensen was sitting sideways to the table in her Live Oak condominium when she was shot in the face by James Marino. Despite the way Christensen was facing, Bandler said she fell face front onto the table.

Marino has testified it was Bandler who shot Christensen, and that when she was shot in the face she fell off her chair.

Miller said today that the force exerted on Christensen by the bullet would not have been very strong and would not have been enough to knock her over. When she did fall after the shot, Miller said, it would depend largely on her position whether she fell forward onto the table or backwards to the floor.

Schwartzbach is continuing to present his case today, again before a packed courtroom.