

3-29:84 Trailside testimony due April 9

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SANTA CRUZ — Three years ago today, Ellen Marie Hansen, 20, was hiking with a friend in Henry Cowell State Park when they became victims of the Trailside Killer.

This week in Los Angeles, attorneys are wrangling over the makeup of the second of two juries which will hear the trial of David Joseph Carpenter, 53, suspected of killing Hansen, shooting and injuring her 20-year-old companion, Steven Haertle, and also of murdering another woman later in Big Basin.

Carpenter's long-delayed trial was put off again when illness and family business forced defense attorneys to request a post-

ponement. Santa Cruz District Attorney Art Danner had said the trial would start Monday. But this morning, he announced jury selection would continue Monday, and that testimony will begin April 9.

Danner said he intends to call from 35 to 40 witnesses over four to to five weeks. There is no estimate of how long the defense case will last.

Carpenter has a criminal record, including rape and robbery, and did time in connection with several attacks on women.

He was working as a printer in Hayward when he was arrested May 15, 1981. First charged with shooting Hansen and Haertle, he was later charged with killing of Heather Scaggs, 21, when her decomposing body was found in Big Basin.

Carpenter's trial was moved to Los Angeles after extensive publicity in this county.