

# ✓ Murder suspect plans fund-raising seminar

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SANTA CRUZ — For \$500, area residents can spend three days with murder suspect Richard Bandler. They can learn his latest hypnosis theories and, at the same time, contribute to his defense fund.

Bandler, a 36-year-old psychotherapeutic guru, is charged with murdering Corine Ann Christensen in her Live Oak townhouse in November.

Bandler is awaiting trial in the case. He posted bail last month after a judge reduced the amount from \$500,000 to \$100,000.

Beverly Sauer, who says she does promotional work for Bandler, announced Tuesday that he would participate in two three-day seminars which will be used to raise funds to pay his attorney, M. Gerald Schwartzbach.

Schwartzbach is the San Francisco attorney who last summer won acquittal for fugitive attorney Stephen Bingham, who had been accused of smuggling a weapon to imprisoned Black Panther George Jackson in 1971.

Sauer said the two three-day seminars will give people "an opportunity to learn the other side of Richard Bandler."

That other side is his work in the field of Neuro Linguistic Programming. Bandler, a UCSC graduate, was co-developer of the psychotherapeutic technique that is used to help identify and improve communication patterns.

The first seminar is scheduled for Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1. Entitled "Fabric of Reality," it will feature hypnosis with NLP teachers Robert Dilts, Christine Hall, Gary Boone, Todd Epstein and Bandler.

Cost is \$450, according to Sauer.

The second seminar, which will cost \$500, will feature Bandler alone, Sauer said. It will be called "Three

Days with Richard" and is scheduled for Feb. 6, 7 and 8.

That seminar, she said, will feature "body work" and "change work" along with some of Bandler's latest hypnosis theories.

Sauer said Bandler has given solo seminars across the country, but this will be the first in the Santa Cruz area.

"Richard is welcoming anyone and everyone interested in NLP," she said.

Sauer said she expects the local "NLP community" to rally behind Bandler.

Reservations are necessary for both seminars, she said, and can be

made by calling 462-1470.

The other side of Bandler, authorities say, revolves around cocaine and prostitution.

Assistant District Attorney Gary Fry has said the murder of Anderson was drug-related.

Anderson was the girlfriend of James Marino, who is a key witness in the prosecution case. Marino is described as a close friend of Bandler. He has told authorities he was present when Anderson was shot to death.

The NLP side of Bandler, Fry says, may never come out at a trial. "I believe it's irrelevant (to the case)."