

# **'Trailside Killer' returns to court in Santa Cruz**

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Convicted Trailside Killer David Carpenter, usually confined to San Quentin Prison, is spending the week in the Santa Cruz County Jail.

Public defender Larry Biggam said Carpenter, 58, is here to correct "errors and omissions" in the record of pre-trial motions made before Carpenter's 1985 trial for the killings of two women in the Santa Cruz mountains.

That trial was moved to Los Angeles, but some pre-trial motions were made in local courts, Biggam said.

Carpenter needs the corrected record to go forward with his appeal of the death penalty he received after con-

viction for two Santa Cruz murders, Biggam said.

Carpenter and his appeals lawyer, Steffan Imhoff of Los Angeles, are undertaking similar procedures to correct the record of his more recent trial and conviction for the shooting deaths of five people in Marin County, Biggam said.

Chief Deputy Brad Arbsland, who oversees the County Jail, said Carpenter was being kept under maximum security conditions in a cell by himself. He is not allowed to mingle with other inmates, Arbsland said.

Carpenter was brought here from San Quentin Monday to await tomorrow's court appearance. If matters are not wrapped up quickly tomorrow, Carpenter could spend a few more days in the County Jail, Arbsland said.