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Still Missing

**Former DA**

**Pease Is** 11/10/80  
**Disbarred**

Former Santa Cruz County District Attorney Dick Pease, now a fugitive from justice, has been disbarred by the State Bar of California.

Pease was district attorney from 1962 to 1966, when he entered private practice. In October, 1977, he disappeared and within a week, two of his clients charged he had embezzled \$25,000.

He has never been found by law authorities, but it is believed that he is still alive, according to news reports.

In December 1979, the county grand jury indicted Pease to prevent the statute of limitations from running out, and he is still being sought.

In the disbarment proceedings, it was stated that Pease had "willfully mishandled money entrusted to him," that he took money from clients' trust funds and abandoned one client in the middle of divorce proceedings.

Pease, now 58, is the subject of two arrest warrants, one from Santa Cruz County and the other from the FBI for unlawful flight.